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10 July

Dear Com. Mar:¹

I received your letter and am much relieved to know you are all OK and the pic² has gone on as scheduled. That's resourcefulness-- when a thing has got to be done, it is done, even with the enemy just around the corner.

We are waiting for the full report of the pic before we send any comments. Be very careful in giving statistics re manpower and arms. We do not want the enemy to get a glimpse of any of our data. I think I know more or less the general conditions there. If there is any change for the better, just report the improvement in men and arms.

Re Finance: You did right. From now, you take the percentage from all these--expansion, family, etc. There is plenty of need for finance for training purposes. Try to improve the getting of finance from contributions and especially from confiscation from the enemy. Have you received the authorization which we sent you re confiscation for purposes of buying arms and ammo? See to it, however, that there is also confiscation for the higher organ.

Give money to Sag³ from our finance there. Budget is \$12 per person per month. Hence, you make the calculation based on their number and

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on the length of trip before they are in a condition to get the finance from R-9.

Intensify your preparations of the mass and production base for the place we talked about. We expect to have that place ready by the end of the year. What do you say?

Will Fely and Mrs. Romero⁴ pass thru military line? If they pass thru legal line, their husbands who will study should pass thru military line.

Have you received document on "Gawain sa loob ng Kaaway?"⁵ We are sending you another copy. Please have it copied right away and give one copy to Sag so that he can take it along. There you will see the primary job of the professionals. They may be formed in groups or not, depending on whether they prefer groups or individuals. To start with, it is preferable to have them as individuals—make them do their jobs individually and we contact them individually—but the MD⁶ plans and coordinates their activity along this special line.

Also sending document on Election Boycott. Also give a copy to Sag. Implement same religiously. Start organizing DI's as we had during the Jap. regime. We need such kind of work very badly, so do your best to succeed in this work. We will send Political Transmission soon.

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P.S. I understand you are sick. See to it that you get the right medicines and at the right time. You can spend from our funds if you can't get personal funds. I heard also San⁷ is thinner than usual. Tell him to take very good care of his health, and help him take care of his health. We should not dissipate our strength to the detriment of the revolution. Regards to Espi⁸, and the rest of the comrades.

30 July 1951

Dear Com. Lilia:⁹

We got your letter alright, but it so happened that today we are also expecting the arrival of a CB comrade who got our contact via another way. We will learn from this one about the other two you were telling us about. We'll write you accordingly as soon as possible. But keep your contact with those other two intact while we have not told you otherwise.

By the way, your letter to Ka. Pacing¹⁰ carries an intention of going out, but as you said, September 1st yet. We want to inform you that there will be opened a Special Party School for Instructors starting August 1st. If you can make it, even one week late, this is the most appropriate time and best chance for you to make-up in a jiffy, whatever developments that had happened.

How is your kid? How is Ben? Can he not do his part now, even as an underground party worker in the Youth Movement? We hope that you do your best to propel him to work now. Tell him to report to Ka. Ely, Sec of CICOM.¹¹

So long my dear sister-comrade; we wish you health and firmness for all the blows of circumstances that happened to our comrades now inside.

Comradely,

"O" (Pop)

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7 August 1951

TO : Com. Fanny (Guevarra), R-6¹²

SUBJECT: Information and Instructions

Dear Comrade,

On the same day that your letter from Com. Paz and your letter for Com. Nole came, Com. Paz arrived.¹³ So that we were very happy to receive your letters. You used the proper and necessary initiative to write and convey clear news and reports during that time when nobody will make it, and there was nobody else who knew of your situation and progress. The fact is, we are still expecting more information concerning our comrades who are outside, like Cap, Bani, Fred and others which you seem to have known already but not mention in your letter.¹⁴ If you know more of their situation, and you still have the time to write before your departure, we need to know.

Together with this letter of ours, or at the post waiting for you, are the documents for R-6. We were told that some couriers from Cap whom we have sent expenses for their return have arrived, but we would like to be assured that those comrades were given direct orders, and were entrusted with delicate matters. We are surprised that there is not even a short note from Reco 6, neither did they write us about their mission.

Upon your arrival there, you must consult with Cap and Alunan¹⁵ so as to dispatch couriers here right away. We need their clear and detailed report since they made their last one. If they do not have a good means of communication yet, you should fix it in the quickest possible time. Reco 6 needs many selected couriers (and stable posts for the entrance and exit of couriers). So before you leave Manila, stabilize your post there, leave countersigns behind which will be a way to recognize the men you will send back. Examples: a handkerchief or a photograph from a magazine to be shown, or cut by the landlord and leaving a part, or whatever you may agree on, and no one will go to them except your and our couriers, once a month. Another reason why we want you to send back a good courier is that if we succeed in raising a big amount, there is something set aside for Reco 6 for the purchase of arms for you.

Komadre¹⁶ is being helped directly by the High Organ, aside from the Reco where she belongs. Their situation is still good. The keenness of the movement continues among the comrades; new training in the different schools (mass, party and military) continues, so that our military action is very limited. This may be seen in news carried by the newspapers.

We would like to know soon the connection of Coms. Regy, Barrios, and I-hab, because we have seven Visayan comrades who are presently under training and may be sent whenever there is somebody to get them.¹⁷ Two were found to be from where Regy went, and the others may be sent to Negros, Panay, etc.

Just tell Com. Diaz to try to make good connections with Palawan, with the fishermen there, with fishing towns, and if necessary we will dispatch cadres there.¹⁸

Till then, a happy trip, and sincere wishes for your successful mission.

Comradely,

Abdon (compadre)

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My Dear Rosing,¹⁹

Our criticism of Dely is due to the loss of the person accompanying Tita who has already reached us, and everything is alright now.²⁰ She was criticized because the person was missing then and the letter of Dely came at the same time as that of Tita telling of the loss of the person, and in the letter of Tita she told that she (Dely) also passed by the COP.²¹ We concluded that Dely was found wanting in her instructions, because we had strict orders not to stop anywhere else. More especially, Dely did not mention in her letter that she carried out all the instructions given to her before she went to the places not specified. You could see for yourself how great was our apprehension then, when the man was lost due to our shortcomings. So that right away we sent the letter in answer to that of Dely, together with the criticism. That is a lesson for us. Let us study our own initiative, but let us clarify all corresponding responsibilities so that the whole extent of the task will be clear.

Concerning the RED²² letters, none arrived here. So, tell Com. Ram.²³ that since he is already there, he could talk directly with any of you or the CiCom. The code is not necessary any more in the address when writing through the mails in a careful family tone concerning business only. What pertains to work or plans, arms, organs, etc., should be handled very carefully. I purposely did not reveal our combination to the CCP and it is certainly not necessary, because the CCP has nothing to do with it.²⁴ What is necessary is for their post to be strong, and we will be responsible for having the letters addressed there picked up. And it is understood that whatever the name or address on the envelope, the CCP will just receive a letter and send it to us. In the meantime, the letter Ram is looking for was originated where he is.

Together with this is a letter of Com ~~g~~²⁵ to him, with an enclosed amount of three thousand one hundred pesos (P3,100.00). We suppose that you yourself will take it to him.

Also with it are P15.00 for the purchase of 10 calcium apiol, 1 Hemo, 1 Klim, and a bottle of sweet cod liver oil. He did not write separately because you are already aware that the love and thought of both of us for you and all the comrades cannot be divided. Take good care of your health, and if you think that the Post is running smoothly, tell us.

Send Maka²⁶ to Reco 2. Have him go with their courier. Tell him that Com. Tom²⁷ is asking for him. He will know the nature of his work when he arrives there. (ADDITION: THEY SAY THAT YOU MUST AVOID SLEEPING LATE. SLEEP WELL.)

Will you check our consignments through Com Pepe Fos as follows: an amount of P15.00 for Pem, P35.00 for the NOD, and P100.00 for the Medical, and a fountain pen for the KKK. Tell him to expedite while the CD line is good.²⁸

Till next time, together with our prosperous wishes to all.

0 - TAX

14 August 1951

My Dear July,²⁹

It seems that the harm suffered by RECO-2 is big. Probably Maka³⁰ will not be able to get in there yet. If he is still there, what is he doing...?

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Good if Estong³¹ has a nice background. Our security rules are really like that. Be very careful over there, study, and train yourselves in various things that will improve our Movement.

Receive the \$2.00 to replace that which was borrowed from you by Fanny. Did they leave any post.. for Leyte..? If so write them so they will send a courier to pick up the cadres that we will give to them.

I did not write separately to Comrade Maring.³² If you meet her, tell her that I am glad of their reaching there, but increase your alertness and security because Nora is reported to have informed.

We will send Rosing to the city after August 30, or earlier.

"0"

P.S. Enclosed is a letter of Ben Buenafe, to July.

3 September 1951

TO: Comrade Abelardo³³RS, RECO-8³⁴

Dear Comrade,

We are not pleased with the conduct of communications there. We think that you should stabilize your post there before we send you critical documents, organization instructions, and other necessities.

We are surprised that Comrade Lita³⁵ did not bring any letter from you while it was specifically mentioned in our letter to you that we required your answer before we sent you the things you need. And because we have not talked personally with any of the courier comrades from you (Lita and Lina), they too have no clear information for us on the things we want to know; that is why we always hold one of them as our reserve in the CCP.

Have you received our letters..? Also the resolutions and other documents we sent through the R-2..?³⁶ Did you receive our answer to you during the first days of August..?

Lita was made to return, and Lina will remain to wait for a clear answer from you before sending the critical and valuable things that you need.

Our situation is good. We transferred to a new location in the largest KKK mountain,³⁷ where we encountered loyal friends, who are also utilized as quick runners. Of course subsistence is quite difficult.

We await your response in the quickest possible time. Regards and ever fresh memories to you all.

s/ A.B. DON³⁸

8 September 1951

TO : All Comrades in RECO-2
c/o Pedring, RS; & Tom, PBS³⁹

SUBJECT: Greetings and Congratulations (And Reply to Yours of August 29)

Beloved Comrades:

At last we have breathed in happiness and relief, after the continuous propaganda of the enemy to the effect that he has inflicted heavy casualties

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on our side in the recent Operation Omaha...! For one continuous week, the radios and newspapers carried headline reports of Operation Omaha, using 48 airplanes, 7,000 men, troops from 7 to 9 Battalion Combat Teams, and later boasting of having killed Comrades Pedring, Eddy, Tom, Bec, Bio, and no less than 150 others, that they recognized Pedring, Eddy, Bec, and others from the corpses they exhumed when they reached the camp site, etc., until at last they sub-divided the "prices" of 40 thousand pesos for the death of at least three ranking regional commanders.⁴⁰

Of course, we did not believe their Fascist lies, but we could not help getting anxious and apprehensive because of our knowledge that you were there, that you still have some tendencies to stick-it-out, and which we found true from your report of 29 August 1951.

In reference to your self-criticism (for the Reco Bureau) regarding the fact that every day for almost a week an observation plane flew over the camp and its surroundings. Here, the R⁴¹ was negligent and did not take steps to transfer. Your report also admits weakness in the misfortune of the late Comrade Eddie.⁴² Although we had a single casualty, he was valuable.

We were indeed impatient in the sudden cutting-off of our communication, not only because it took time to reestablish it, but because we did not know what really happened and how large the damage was. We speculated that the damage that the enemy was boasting about by the 48 Mustangs might be true. Because of this, we were compelled to write and send through three directions: c/o Carling QRC, c/o SECCOM Arayat and c/o DC-2 via Susa- SR.⁴³ An additional reason for our having written, is that in case you proceeded North and it will take time before you could send couriers, we will ask for NFD share from the collections of the DCs 1 and 2 directly, because there is a lack of funds for the large expansion work now being planned. So that if you have any to send from there, we are waiting. If you have a very reliable courier (for example "Daby Zenaida") she can take them up to the CCP, where two of our couriers will be waiting within ten days from now...aside from the fact that one always stays there because he takes cadres to the continuous schooling which we opened for the expansionist cadres. So that if your cadres have already designated two women for the R-6 or 7, send them right away to the CCP so they could catch up with the schooling or they could go with those going to R-6.⁴⁴

The raid there was due to three principal causes:

- (A) Your station was known to the enemy for a long time, but every time he made small raids, all were in vain, so he prepared carefully for it;
- (B) The Negro who was there was a clever spy (see Time Magazine, 3 September issue);⁴⁵
- (C) The Negroes who were there (like Dumaguit, etc...) and the nearby Negritos are attached to the enemy camp.

We are agreeable to your plan to transfer the site of the Reco Bureau, and you are the ones to know where it is good, based on the reports you receive. It is better if you will be far from the mountain people, a location that they would not be able to approach, but a location favorable to the dispatch of couriers at least twice a month (for your connection with the High Organ and for the procurement of your office and maintenance supplies). We think that in the quickest time, you should create two "ED reproduction units", one in Mt. Suku (Arayat), one close by c/o FC-20 or the DC that covers Kuliat (Angeles), so that we can just send them model copies and it is up to them to reproduce the necessary documents, leaflets, materials, the Mapagpalaya (Liberator, the Titis and others). Sooner or later, we have to show that to each DC-FC (1 PCom in the future).

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Check up on what documents of ours were seized.

Congratulations on the news we got about your disarming TPs, and the concentration of many ⁴⁶Screen them carefully, and take extreme care on counter-infiltration. If you have any available to add, send us some eight Security men.

Comradely,

"O"

- 25X1A 1. ~~██████████~~ Comment. Neither Mar, the addressee, nor C-3, the author of this letter can be identified. To judge from the subject matter, it would appear that the letter was from the National Organization Department or the General Secretary of the Party to a Regional Command (RECO) leader or RECO Supervisor.
- 25X1A ~~██████████~~ Comment. Mar is given as a pseudonym of Marciano de Leon in the documents captured in the Government raids of October 1950.
- 25X1A ~~██████████~~ which also was based on documents captured in Manila during September 1951 is of interest in connection with the letters on which this report is based.
- 25X1A 2. ~~██████████~~ Comment. The reference here is not known.
- 25X1A 3. ~~██████████~~ Comment. Sag may be Sagasa who is believed to be Political Bureau Supervisor of RECO-9. This name also has been used by Arturo Sawi whose activities have been referred to in a previous report ~~██████████~~
- 25X1A 4. ~~██████████~~ Comment. Fely may be Josefina Adelan; Mrs. Romero cannot be identified.
- 25X1A 5. ~~██████████~~ Comment. This Tagalog phrase has been translated as "Penetration of the Enemy". The reference may be to either espionage or to penetration of Government agencies or the Philippine armed forces. Documents captured during October 1950 contained a similar discussion of the handling of persons engaged in collecting information within the Government.
- 25X1A 6. ~~██████████~~ Comment. This is a reference to the Party and HMB Military Department.
- 25X1A 7. ~~██████████~~ Comment. This name cannot be identified as a pseudonym. It may in fact be a reference to Sagasa who was referred to above.
- 25X1A 8. ~~██████████~~ Comment. This name cannot be identified.
- 25X1A 9. ~~██████████~~ Comment. This letter is referred ~~██████████~~ as one probably written by Luis Taruc. Lilia cannot be identified.
- 25X1A 10. ~~██████████~~ Comment. Pacing is a pseudonym used by Jesus Lava who was recently described ~~██████████~~ as the Party General Secretary.
- 25X1A 11. ~~██████████~~ Comment. Ely has been used as a pseudonym by Taliman Montero of RECO-4. It has been reported that a person using this name served as Chairman of the National Communications Division in Manila in 1949. Cicom refers to the Manila City Command. "O" is believed to refer to Luis Taruc.

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- 25X1A 12. [REDACTED] Comment. This person cannot be identified. R-6 probably refers to RECO-6. Luis Taruc (Abdon or A.B. Don) is believed to have written this letter.
- 25X1A 13. [REDACTED] Comment. Mole is probably Jesus Lava. Paz cannot be identified, although this pseudonym appeared in the documents captured in October 1950.
- 25X1A 14. [REDACTED] Comment. Cap probably refers to Guillermo Capadocia; Bani may refer to Mariano Balgos.
- 25X1A 15. [REDACTED] Comment. The name Alunan appears in the documents captured in October 1950. It has been reported that a person known as Alunan was Secretary of RECO-6.
- 25X1A 16. [REDACTED] Comment. This name cannot be identified.
17. [REDACTED] Comment. These names cannot be identified.
18. [REDACTED] Comment. The name Alicia Diaz appears in the documents which were captured in October 1950.
- 25X1A 19. [REDACTED] Comment. Rosing refers to Rosa Collantes, who is in Manila. The "O" in this signature refers to the National Organization Department, but it does not necessarily mean that Taruc is the originator, since Tay is specified. KKK in this letter refers to Communist Youth Organization.
- 25X1A 20. [REDACTED] Comment. The person using this name cannot be identified.
- 25X1A 21. [REDACTED] Comment. This probably refers to the Manila Communications Coordinating Post. Dely cannot be identified.
- 25X1A 22. [REDACTED] Comment. This probably is a reference to RECO Educational Department.
- 25X1A 23. [REDACTED] Comment. This person cannot be identified. This may be a diminutive form of Ramon, Ramos, or Ramson, all of which are pseudonyms which appeared in the documents captured in October 1950.
- 25X1A 24. [REDACTED] Comment. This appears to be a reference to the Manila Communications Coordinating Post.
- 25X1A 25. [REDACTED] Comment. This probably refers either to Pando (Mateo del Castillo), or to the National Finance Division.
- 25X1A 26. [REDACTED] Comment. This person cannot be identified.
- 25X1A 27. [REDACTED] Comment. This may be a reference to Tomas Calma who has used Tom as a pseudonym.
- 25X1A 28. [REDACTED] Comment. This apparently refers to a secure courier line operated by the National Communications Division.
- 25X1A 29. [REDACTED] Comment. July is the pseudonym of Antonio Alipio who is referred to [REDACTED]. The originator of this letter is Luis Taruc. This appears to be confirmed by the references to Rosa Collantes returning to Manila.
- 25X1A 30. [REDACTED] Comment. Maka, who has been referred to previously, is unknown.

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31. [REDACTED] Comment. The name Estong appears in the documents which were captured in October 1950. However, the person referred to here cannot be identified.
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32. [REDACTED] Comment. Maring apparently is not the same person as Mar who was referred to previously. Nora, who cannot be identified, apparently is under detention. Ben Buenafe cannot be identified.
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33. [REDACTED] Comment. The pseudonym Abelardo appears in the documents captured in October 1950.
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34. [REDACTED] Comment. This appears to be a reference to the RECO-8 Secretariat.
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35. [REDACTED] Comment. This name appeared in the documents captured in October 1950, but the person referred to here cannot be identified.
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36. [REDACTED] Comment. This may be a reference to RECO-2.
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37. [REDACTED] Comment. KKK here is believed to be a code word, possibly indicating a location in Mountain Province at which Taruc is stationed.
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38. [REDACTED] Comment. This is a variant of a pseudonym used by Luis Taruc.
39. [REDACTED] Comment. Since this letter is believed to be from the NOD (Luis Taruc) and is addressed to RECO-2, Pedring, RECO Supervisor, and Tom, Political Bureau Supervisor, it may indicate that Taruc is no longer a member of the RECO-2 command.
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- [REDACTED] Comment. Pedring is pseudonym which has been used by both Pedro Taruc and by Pedro P. Vicencio, according to the documents captured in October 1950. However, Pedro Taruc reportedly was killed during August 1951 by Government troops. Tom has been used as a pseudonym by Tomas Galma and probably by other HMB leaders.
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40. [REDACTED] Comment. Defense Secretary Magsaysay claimed that more than 100 HMB casualties were caused by the Government's Operation Omaha. The letter indicates that this campaign resulted in only one HMB casualty.
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41. [REDACTED] Comment. R apparently refers to a RECO Supervisor.
42. [REDACTED] Comment. This person cannot be identified.
43. [REDACTED] Comment. This has been interpreted as follows: Carling of the Quezon City-Rizal command; Section Committee, Mount Arayat or Arayat, Pampanga, and District Committee 2, in care of the RECO Secretariat. Carling and Susa cannot be identified.
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44. [REDACTED] Comment. This is probably a reference to RECO-6.
45. [REDACTED] Comment. An American negro successfully penetrated an HMB organ in Luzon, according to this report.
- 25X1A
46. [REDACTED] Comment. This is a reference to Filipino Temporary Policemen.

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