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## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Lt Col W M Hanes:

1. Attached communication regarding protest of non-recognition, Maharlika Guerrilla Unit by Radiogram from Maj Ferdinand Marcos, Representative Philippine Veterans Mission to the congress of the United States, not favorably considered for action until follow up letter is received.

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Capt., FA

Concur: Maj C H Wentzell  
Actg. Chief, Unit Branch

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Tel U 330FILE NO. SUBJECT: Radiogram Protest Non-Recognition  
Maharlika Guerrilla Unit

(1) FROM: Capt E R Curtis TO: Lt Col W M Hanes

1. The ANG MANGA MAHARLIKAS Guerrilla Unit is composed of the following:

a. Ilocos Norte Regt	1,032
b. Ang Manga Maharlika Hq	178
c. Prov Bn 2nd Co	112
d. 3rd Pangasinan Regt	<u>508</u>
Total Strength	1,830
e. Maharlika Unit Eastern Pangasinan Combat Co	<u>111</u>
Total Recognized	111

2. The Ilocos Norte Regt under the command of S M Valdez was <sup>not</sup> organized or contacted by Maj Ferdinand Marcos until after Nov 1944. There is a letter in the unit file to Capt S M Valdez from Col R W Volckmann, in which Col Volckmann thanks Valdez for his offer to place the Ilocos Norte Regt under his command. The letter also gives Valdez initial orders and instructions to accomplish this merger.

3. The Maharlika Hq, Prov Bn 2nd Co, and the 3rd Pangasinan Regt all possess conflicting histories and supporting evidence. The valid supporting evidence they have produced is as follows:

- a. One true copy of an attachment paper from the 544th FA Bn dated 6 Sept 1945 containing the names of 16 men.
- b. A photostatic copy of a letter to Maj Ferdinand E Marcos from Col Fertig regarding an intelligence report.
- c. A true copy of non-attachment order dated 31 May 1945 from Headquarters, Fifth Cavalry stating in substance, the Ang Manga Maharlika Guerrilla Unit is placed under the control of Fifth Cavalry Regiment.
- d. The fact that 111 men were recognized by attachment to the 128th Inf Regt, 32nd Division.

4. Maj R B Lapham is familiar with the activities of the commanding officer of the Maharika unit and attests to the following:

Ferdinand Marcos was in San Quintin, Pangasinan, two or three months prior to the landing of the American forces, soliciting funds and guerrilla help to construct a landing field in the vicinity. The purpose of the landing field was to allow a plane to come in and evacuate General Roxas. Capt Ray C Hunt, commanding officer of PMD, LGAF placed Marcos under arrest for collecting money under false pretense. Gen Roxas intervened on Marcos' behalf and had him released to his custody. It is quite obvious that Marcos did not exercise any control over a guerrilla organization prior to liberation.

5. The unit claims a vast amount of intelligence coverage by submitting reports to Col Fertig, Col Peralta, Col Andrews, Col Marking and Maj Ingeniero. One letter from Col Fertig is the only supporting evidence to substantiate these claims. There is no mention in the Green book of the Maharika Unit being a source of intelligence information.

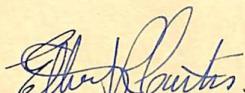
Conclusion:

1. It is evident that Ferdinand Marcos and S M Valdez combined their forces in order to gain recognition, and by so doing have created a very confused picture of the unit. It is also known that Marcos has enough political prestige to bring pressure to bear where it is needed for his own personal benefit.

2. All the available evidence on the case indicates that the decision of this headquarters, not favorably considering the unit, should be sustained. The only possible exception might be on the decision rendered the 16 men pending receipt of an attachment paper to the 544th FA Bn.

Recommendation:

That no action be taken on the case until the letter mentioned in the radiogram reaches this Division.

  
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