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Major Ferdinand Marcos
c/o The Adjutant General
Headquarters, Army of the Philippines
Camp Murphy, Quezon City

Dear Major Marcos:

The Commanding General has directed that you be informed that the "Ang Mga Maharlika", purporting to be a guerrilla organization under your nominal control, is not favorably considered for recognition as an element of the Philippine Army.

A set of general requirements for guerrilla recognition, established by General MacArthur during the liberation of the Philippines, has been used as a guide in considering the record of this unit. After careful investigation and full consideration of all substantiating records and testimony of witnesses having pertinent knowledge, recognition of this guerrilla unit is not deemed to be warranted because of reasons mentioned below:

- a. Record of service was not substantiated by sufficient acceptable evidence.
- b. The unit was not maintained satisfactorily in the field in opposition to the enemy.
- c. Activities of the unit did not contribute materially to the eventual defeat of the enemy.
- d. A definite organization was not established.
- e. Adequate records were not maintained (names, ranks, dates of enlistment or joining, dates of promotions, and necessary related information).
- f. Performance of the unit did not indicate adequate control by its leaders because of the desertion of its commanding officer to join another unit.
- g. Sphere of operations and unit strength claimed by the unit were not commensurate with the nature of the terrain, limitation of communication facilities, and the degree of anti-

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resistance activities of the Japanese in the area during the period concerned.

h. Unit did not show satisfactory continuity of activity and organization.

i. Frequent change of geographic location was not justified.

j. Members of the unit did not devote their entire effort to military activities in the field to the exclusion of normal civilian occupation and family obligations.

k. Many members apparently lived at home, supporting their families by means of farming or other civilian pursuits, and assisted the guerrilla unit on a part time basis only.

It is considered that the previous recognition of approximately 111 officers and men from the Maharlka Unit, Eastern Pangasinan, who were recognized by the Commanding General Sixth Army, for their aid during the liberation of the Philippines constitutes adequate and just acknowledgment of military service.

Your attention is invited to Presidential Executive Order No. 68, Commonwealth of the Philippines, copy of which is attached, for any necessary action in connection therewith.

SINCE YOU ARE NOT IN POSITION

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

THOMAS J. BROWN
CWO, USA
ASST ADJ GEN

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NO longer desireable to be called on for military service -

Please advise for recognition. See separate letter regarding above.

So this date does not entitle you to compensation as per your

Request

Trust for the benefit of your health. This is my primary concern -
especially upon my approaching retirement from the military service.
You will soon receive a certificate of recognition for your services. I
trust this will be sufficient compensation for your services.

Yours sincerely

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