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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : Acting Director, PNPA

FROM : Undersigned Cadet

SUBJECT : **Reflection Paper re: ELP w/ Mr. Gambala**

DATE : November 15, 2022

1. Reference: Verbal Instruction of the Acting Director, PNPA on November 15, 2022.
2. This pertains to the instruction of the Acting Director, PNPA to ﻿write a one (1) page reflection on the salient points mentioned in the ELP Activity on November 15, 2022, at the PNPA Academics Hall.
3. In connection, respectfully submits the attached reflection paper composed by the undersigned cadet.

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REFLECTION PAPER

*ELP w/ Mr. Gambala*

*November 15, 2022*

As part of the Enhanced Learning Package (ELP) of the Chief of Police Course for graduating cadets, we had our seminar with the professor on November 15, 2022. He was a former AFP army captain who graduated from the Philippine Military Academy before joining the BOC, and Prof. Geri Gambala from the Bureau of Customs, who was our expert speaker, loves to refer to himself as a "professional disturber." He also admitted to being a former prisoner and rebel who took part in the historic Oakwood rebellion led by the present senator Trillanes.

Our seminar is about character and value, hence in my perspective he is qualified to make the presentation. By listening to him describe his life, I can see that he sincerely believes in and upholds his moral principles. He asserted that a person cannot become a good and effective leader only by doing good things and having a sharp mind. The desire to serve is most important, though, because character and worth are created from the heart. Because he wants to arouse everyone's emotions, he also describes himself as a professional disturber.

Despite his rough history, the speaker in our resource admitted his mistakes and pleaded for pardon, which led to his release. I can categorically say based on his sharing that he is a guy of moral ideals, an idealist, and a patriot. Furthermore, he said that he joined the "Magdalo" gang in the attempted rebellion because he wanted to better the country. Unfortunately, his troop faltered and eventually gave up since they didn't want to damage the soldiers they were fighting for. The soldier added, "I am not willing to harm or injure any of my fellow soldiers, but I am willing to die for the country and for our cause."

The presentation concludes by arguing that excellent community leaders must not only have the required knowledge and skills, but also the need heart. We have to put our morals and integrity to the test in life.