

Provincial Jail
Nov. 15, 1944

Dear Gen. Valdez:

Please pardon this note, but you have taken so much interest in my case, that I do not hesitate in appealing to you once more for a more speedy disposition of this sad affair.

This is now ~~my~~ 24th day in jail without even knowing under what authority and under what charges I have been placed here. My knowledge of our constitutional

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rights under this government
seems to rebel against what
I consider a gross injustice
committed against us, but
we have been patient and
have resigned ourselves
to our sad condition,
in the hope that ~~soon~~ we
shall have justice.

We have not yet lost hope,
nor faith in our leaders of
this newly re-established
government of sick, but in
conversations with my fellow
immigrants I seem to notice
creeping into the minds
day by day that feeling of
desperation, which may
later turn into disappoint-
ment and lack of faith.

This I would like to present
for it may lead to something.

The general feeling among
us here inside is that who-
ever was responsible for
our detention or imprison-
ment has had enough time
to file his charges. We
only ask that we be heard
soon. I am sure, General,
you realize how it feels
to be kept this way where
you know you are en-
tirely innocent and more so
especially when you have
been dealt with in the manner
we have been dealt with.
May I know when our
hearings will start?

Sincerely,
Bernard J. Lance