

Department of the Interior  
Manila, August 1, 1948

Hon. Basilio J. Valdes  
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Manila

My dear General:

From today to the 19th the thoughts of the World, particularly those of America and the Philippines, will be focused to the Great MANUEL L. QUEZON.

I have collected the recorded utterances and writings of that beloved leader of men from 1904 to shortly before his demise in 1944, for a book under the title, "QUEZON IN ACTION," now ready for the press.

While those utterances and writings sufficiently reveal his wisdom and teachings, yet it is felt that some other things or views about him worthy to be transmitted to us of this generation and to those yet to come can only be told and recorded for posterity by men of your distinction who have had the privilege or opportunity of observing, knowing and/or associating or dealing with him.

I have the honor, therefore, to request your good self if you could favor me with your eminent recollections of that great patriot, MANUEL L. QUEZON, so that the same together with those from also prominent men then situated under similar circumstances can be inscribed in another book as a sequel to the one mentioned above, with the title, "IN DEATH HE LIVES" (Being Recollections of President Manuel L. Quezon). It is unfortunate that similar recollections by such men as were the late President Manuel Roxas, the late Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos, the late Secretary Rafael Alunan and others cannot now be available.

For the purpose of, and for inclusion in, the same book, I also have the honor to request you to kindly have me furnished likewise with a statement of your biography accompanied with your photograph preferably one, if available, with President Quezon.

I wish to assure you, esteemed General, that it will be an honor and a pleasure to receive from you the foregoing materials for which I shall be very much grateful.

Very respectfully,

  
JUAN F. RIVERA