

February 2, 1929

The Hon. Provincial Governor  
Iloilo, Iloilo

Dear Dr. Arroyo:

I wish to thank you most sincerely for your action and offer of the Iloilo Normal building and grounds for scientific purposes in connection with the eclipse of the sun on May 9, 1929. My thanks are likewise extended to Mr. Murphy, Division Superintendent.

As far as we know at present, three parties plan to come to the Philippines: the American party, the Hamburg Observatory party, and Russian party of the Pulkowa Observatory. The Americans will come to Iloilo; the Germans have selected Catmon-Sogod, Cebu; the Russians have only signified their intention to come.

The American party is a naval party; very likely they will have their own vessel from Manila to Iloilo. They have stated that they wish to be close to seashore for facilities of loading and unloading. Mr. Hancock of the Philippine Railway Co. has kindly offered the grounds of Railway terminal. This location, to my mind, is ideal and very likely will be very satisfactory to the American party. Yet they will have the choice between the Railway terminal and the Normal School. Besides if the Russians come to Iloilo, the Normal School might be their choice if the Americans select the Railway terminal.

The American party left the Pacific Coast on January 28 on board the Goldstar. The Germans will arrive at Manila around March 25 on board the Muensterland.

Thanking you and Mr. Murphy again for your kind cooperation, I remain.

Very respectfully,

MIGUEL SELGA  
Director, Weather Bureau.

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