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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE  
WEATHER BUREAU  
STATION AT Capalonga, C. Norte

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Dear Father:

I have the honor to inform you that on the night of August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1937, a trembling earthquake felt in this locality. The first shock was the strongest occurred at 7<sup>h</sup> 56<sup>m</sup> 20<sup>s</sup> p.m. with the intensity of I to II in the Rossi-Forel Scale. The direction of which was toward SNE, because of the hanging objects that swings freely to and fro from this direction. The duration lasted for one minute and one second. The second shock occurred at 8<sup>h</sup> 17<sup>m</sup> 45<sup>s</sup> p.m. with the intensity III; the third shock occurred at 8<sup>h</sup> 40<sup>m</sup> 00<sup>s</sup> p.m. at the intensity II; the fourth and last shock occurred at 8<sup>h</sup> 55<sup>m</sup> 00<sup>s</sup> at the intensity II, all having the same direction and character.

During the first shock, there were noises accompanying phenomena, one that sounded howling like a storm wind, and the extraordinary disturbance of the sea which produced a roaring sound. The water in the sea according to some persons who were fishing on that night, ~~that~~ that water babbled at the midst of the first shock. And seemed that their boats were <sup>being</sup> struck by a blow from below.