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Manila, P. I.,  
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Dear Sir,

I was very pleased to receive your letter of January 5th and appreciate the interest which you are taking in the preparations in connection with the Naval Eclipse Expedition to the Philippine Islands.

Since receiving your letter, I have been informed by my aide, Lieutenant Commander Wheeler, that you have succeeded in having the grounds of the Philippine Railway placed at the disposal of the Naval party. From all that I have heard, it would seem that this site is the most suitable to the requirements of the Expedition, and I am very grateful to you for your efforts in locating and obtaining the use of this property.

I note your willingness to accompany the party in order to assist them in the choice of the best site and will call upon you if necessary.

I also wish to thank you for the complimentary copies of your report on the eclipse, which are most interesting.

Very sincerely yours,

*Mac A. Smith*

Father Miguel Selga,  
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