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Dear Dr. Scherr:

My last letter to you was to the effect that permission had been obtained to have the instruments entered, free of duty. It was dated few days before the arrival of your astronomers. I write today again, on the day of their departure.

The two things you asked from me, namely, to secure permission to enter the instruments free of duty and to find assistants for Dr. Baade. The Insular Collector of Customs granted permission to unload the boxes, both here in Manila, and at Cebu, without opening them, and thus relieving your astronomers of much work and inconvenience. As stated in another letter, Prof. Hyde, Melchor and Borromeo volunteered to go down to Cebu and join your party at Sogod to help your astronomers within their power. I understand that every one was most willing and anxious to cooperate and assist, from the provincial authorities to all the citizens of the town. The American expedition at Iloilo took their ship and paid a complimentary visit of good will and wishes to your party at Sogod, about three weeks before the eclipse. If the sky turned out to be more cloudy than we expected, it is beyond our control. From previous records they knew the chances were fifty fifty and that there was some element of risk in the expedition. I am delighted to know that at least some plates have been obtained with good photographs. Of the result obtained by the U. S. expedition and by Dr. Waterfield in Iloilo, Dr. Baade, himself will give you all details.

Yesterday evening, the Mayor of the City, engineer by profession and the whole body of Councilors gave a farewell banquet in honor of your astronomers, as a testimonial of good will and appreciation of the honor you conferred upon Manila, by selecting the Philippines as the site of your observation. All of us tried to make the stay of your astronomers here as pleasant as possible, in order to make them forget the inconvenience of the long voyage and the discomfort of the tropic.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for the loan of the instruments you sent us for the eclipse. Fr. Doppermann worked with them in