

FOREIGN SERVICE DESPATCH

From : AmEmbassy, Manila
To : The Department of State, Washington ¹⁴⁷²~~desp no~~
Ref : June 29, 1956
Subject: Request of Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs for
Investigation of Alleged Incident Occurring in Marianas
April 28, 1956.

There is enclosed a copy of note No. 1409, dated May 17, 1956, from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Philippines. It would be appreciated if the Department would convey to the appropriate authorities in the Marianas the concern of the Philippine Government over the alleged incident referred to therein and inform the Embassy of the results of any investigation initiated.

Local American Naval officials state that it would be improper for COMNAVPHIL to transmit the request of the Philippine Office of Foreign Affairs to COMNAV Marianas, and specifically asked that the Embassy follow the procedure of requesting the Department of State to bring the attention of the proper civilian authorities in the Marianas to this matter.

William W. Walker
Counselor of Embassy

Enclosure:

1. Copy Philippine Department
of Foreign Affairs Note
No. 1409, dated May 17, 1956

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

No. 1409

The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to bring to the attention of the Embassy an alleged incident which occurred in Saipan concerning a Filipino citizen, Luis de Misa, who was employed by the Brown Pacific Maxon, Navy contractor, thereat.

According to the report which the Department received from the Philippine Consul in Guam who investigated the case, Mr. Misa alleged that on April 28, 1956 he went by bus, together with co-laborers, to the village of Chalan Kanoa for shopping purposes. Unfortunately, he was left behind by the bus upon the return of the laborers to the camp. At about 9:00 o'clock in the evening of the same day, he was arrested by two Island Constabulary in front of a store in the said village and was thereafter brought to the island jail where he was locked up until May 1st without any criminal charge filed against him. Mr. Misa further alleged that during his arrest and incarceration, he was maltreated by the Island Constabulary.

Owing to the nature of the case, the Philippine Consul in Guam protested to the Commander Naval Forces, Marianas, R. Admiral W. B. Ammon, who examined the alleged injuries of Mr. Misa.

It would be appreciated if the appropriate agency of the United States government may be requested to conduct an impartial investigation of this case and this Department apprised of the results thereof.

Manila, May 17, 1956.

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