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SUBJECT: DETAINED US ARMY RESERVE OFFICER (U)

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1. (c) ON 12 FEBRUARY THE OFFICE OF THE DCS/
FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, DELIVERED AN OFFICIAL LETTER TO

THE [REDACTED] TEXT QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT A CERTAIN [REDACTED]

AN

AMERICAN CITIZEN, MARRIED TO A BICOLANA PRESENTLY RESIDING IN

ONE OF THE VILLAGES IN MAKATI, RIZAL IS BEING HELD BY THE

MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT HEADQUARTERS SOWESCOM AFTER HIS

CAPTURE TOGETHER WITH SOME REBEL ELEMENTS IN BABUAN ISLAND

(b)(6)

ON FEBRUARY 7 1976. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT HE IS CONNECTED

WITH THE PHILIPPINE PETROLEUM CORPORATION AND THAT HE WAS

A FORMER SPECIAL FORCES OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

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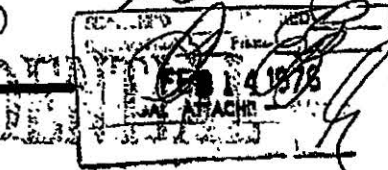
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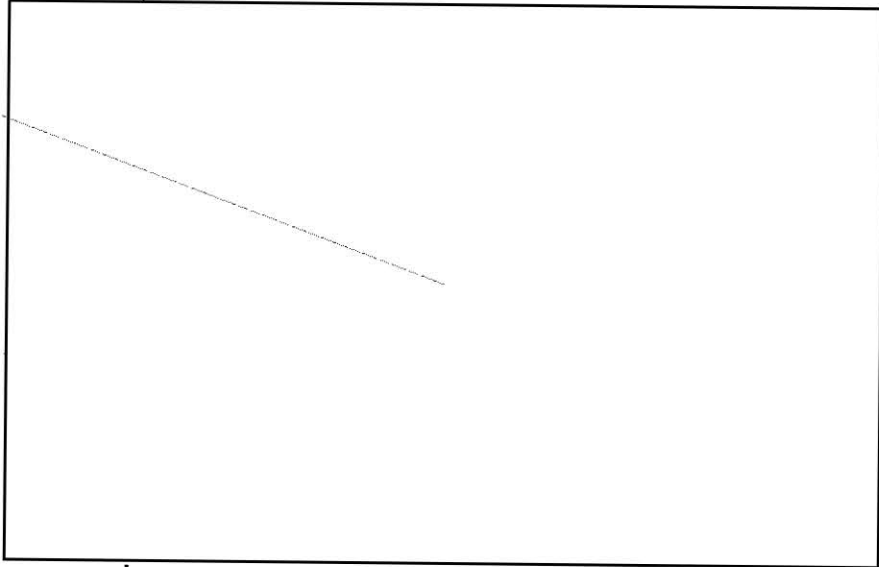
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RESERVE. HE SAW ACTION IN INDO CHINA.

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WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED OF ADDITIONAL & DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING
THIS MATTER AS OCCASION ARISES..

BE REST ASSURED OF OUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION.

Ø (END OF LETTER)

2. (c) ABOVE LETTER WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL NOTICE PROVIDED
THE EMBASSY ON THIS INCIDENT (POLOFFS HAD RECEIVED SOME
UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION, AND AP MANILA BUREAU HAD MADE AN
INQUIRY ABOUT [REDACTED] DETENTION ON 13 FEB). THE MANILA TIMES
JOURNAL OF 14 FEB CARRIED A FRONT PAGE STORY HEADLINED
"AMERICAN HELD FOR REB TIES." THE LEAD PARAGRAPH CALLS

[REDACTED] "AN AMERICAN SOLDIER OF FORTUNE, SUSPECTED OF HAVING
WORKED FOR THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT." NO OTHER
MAKING MANILA MORNING PAPERS CARRIED ANY MENTION OF THE
INCIDENT.

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3. ~~(b)(6)~~ [REDACTED]

TELEPHONED [REDACTED] ON MORNING OF 14 FEB. AND REFERRED TO THE STORY
IN THE TIMES JOURNAL. (b)(6) WAS ~~VERY~~ APOLOGETIC ABOUT HAVING THE
STORY PUBLISHED BEFORE THE GOP HAD OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED THE

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EMBASSY (HE INDICATED THERE HAD BEEN A LEAK TO THE TIMES J
JOURNAL). HE SAID HIS OFFICE HAD LITTLE INFORMATION AT THIS TIME,
AND HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET MORE DETAILS ~~BEFORE~~ BEFORE NOTIFYING THE
EMBASSY. (b)(6) TOLD [REDACTED] ESSENTIALLY THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE
LETTER, AND PROMISED TO DELIVER THE LETTER LATER IN THE DAY.

(b)(6), (b)(1), 1.4 (c)

WHEN ASKED THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST [REDACTED]
SAID THERE WERE NONE YET, AND THAT (b) WAS BEING HELD BY SOWESCOM
FOR "TACTICAL ~~EXX~~ EXPLOITATION" AT THIS TIME. HE SAID THAT IT
WAS BELIEVED THAT (b)(6) HAD BEEN "WITH" A REBEL GROUP COMMANDED BY
USTAD HASIMIN ON AND AROUND BABUAN ISLAND (OFF THE SOUTH COAST

(b)(1), 1.4 (c)

OF BASILAN) SINCE JULY 75. [REDACTED] WOULD NOT ESTIMATE WHEN (b)(6)

WOULD BE BROUGHT TO MANILA, BUT PROMISED TO NOTIFY [REDACTED] OF ANY
DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ON WHEN AND WHERE

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CONSULAR OFFICERS ~~HE~~ WOULD ~~NEXX~~ BE ALLOWED TO SEE HIM. [REDACTED] DID NOT
KNOW NAME OR ADDRESS OF (b)(6) WIFE, BUT SAID SHE WAS A FILIPINA

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[REDACTED]

HE ALSO TOLD (b)(6), (b)(3):10 USC 424 HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS QUITTING HIS W
JOB IN JULY AND HAD ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING

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FOR THE GOP TRAINING COMBAT TROOPS.

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6. (U) AP MANILA BUREAU STATED IT WAS FILING A STORY ON 14 FEB,
BUT THAT IT HAD NO MORE INFORMATION THAN THE TIMES JOURNAL
ACCOUNT.

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