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Helicoptered to Central Luzon for a survey. Passed by Baco and Clark and Basa.

The water has receded from Pampanga and Bulacan but Tarlac and Pangasinan are still under water. Some people are still clinging to rooftops and treetops. They had to be rescued by helicopter.

Towns are isolated. Not only food but potable water are in great demand.

The DART teams under Col. King arrived 40 minutes before me. The Tripoli and its three smaller ships (The Tripoli, a helicopter carrier may carry twenty five helicopters) are arriving Tomorrow at 8:00 AM.

Basa Air Base will be the operations center where all the supplies will be ferried by plane.

Tomorrow I fly by helicopter to Basa and Clark then to Pangasinan and around Pangasinan

I attach reports

Jolly Bautista, Chief of USAF Base, Clark was shot at by AK-47 at Bo. San Francisco, Bamban, Tarlac. Communist Hukbalahap is operating there. An agent was shot.

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First night there was an [illegible] incident with [illegible] who later apologized but [illegible] [illegible] to each other.

[illegible] did well — the fight of the Huangs. He killed two HPA's and captured one [illegible] who is now spilling the beans.

I was correct in my estimate of the route of withdrawal and rate of travel of the HPT flushed out of Dignos — they would move south then west to Pigcanaran de Hagan River and reach San Quemano in seven days.

They were flushed out by bombardment on the 10th. On the 16th they were attacking a detachment in San Quemano.

And they are grouping in their camp at Grid 97-68 on the big map at the junction of the Pigcanaran de Hagan River.

I am glad I ordered Gen Paramo to return to Cabagna 17 February by He was brought by Gen Pagsus from Tuguegarao on the 17th.

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Written July 22nd

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The organization of another task force, TF Palawan under Gen. Zagala, PA Commander and its operations in the area from Palawan south to Digyo, Dipolog and Dumaia was intended to stop any movement southward from Digyo. Then Gen. T. Paraiso of TF Saranay was moved with enough men back Echegaray so as to trap the men coming down from the Sierra Madre.

This is what has happened. The men who were caught (5 were caught yesterday - this has also appeared in the Herald, July 22nd) and Mayor Soriano caught after being wounded in the fight at San Mariano with the detachment of Lt. Abao and he has revealed that the group at the Pigcanauan to Ilagan River is led by Ka Lennin or Dencio (Victor Corpuz), numbers 60 and they are waiting for more men so that they can build up their force to 200 men and can then attack the overready depleted PC detachments in the lowlands of Isabela around San Mariano, Angadanan, San Guillermo, Echegaray and Jones.

Little do they know that we have prepared Gen. Paraiso with a strong force to hit them in their own encampment!