

PHILIPPINE DOCUMENTS IN MEXICO

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AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CELEBRATION IN 1964 OF THE Philippine-Mexican Friendship Year, we were able to secure a complete list of documents on the Philippines from the Archivo General de la Nación and the Biblioteca Nacional in Mexico City, totaling in all 4,129 documents and manuscripts. These were made after examining index cards of some 229,260 documents, and exclude those in the *Ramo de Filipinas* which we had acquired several years earlier. Out of the 4,129 documents listed, we secured the microfilm copies of 798 which we considered of importance or interest to local historiographers.

For some generations, our scholars have suspected that in Mexico there existed countless documents on the Philippines that would greatly broaden our knowledge of the Spanish colonial regime. Dr. James A. Robertson, co-editor of the monumental 55-volume set "The Philippine Islands, 1493-1898" and incidentally the first Director of the National Library, failed to visit Mexico in his extensive trips of research, and merely repeated what he had heard existed there from Dr. H. E. Bolton of Texas State University. (See *Bibliography*, Vol. LIII, pp. 38-40.)

In 1957 two Filipino scholars visited that country for the purpose of finding what documents of interest to Filipinos were to be found there. Dr. Gregorio F. Zaide, author of numerous textbooks on history, reported enthusiastically to the Philippine Historical Association on the existence of "valuable" documents there. As he was working alone for a short time, he was able to make only a sketchy listing, and unfortunately permitted enthusiasm to override accuracy. While as he notes that "there are approximately 45 million documents in the Archivo General of Mexico, more than twice the number of those in Seville's Archivo General de Indias," the latter, I am sure, has at least ten to twenty times as many documents on the Philippines. He stated that in only eight *Ramos* of the Archivo he found 12,407 documents per-

taining to the Philippines.¹ We found only a little more than 4,000. Mr. Mariano A. Henson of Angeles, Pampanga, who visited Mexico City early in 1964 immediately noted the discrepancies in Dr. Zaide's claims.²

Dr. Domingo Abella, a physician by profession and a historian by avocation, had a different report to make.³ "I believe in all candor," he wrote, "that this Mexican archive cannot be equated, as some over-enthusiastic researchers do, with those of Seville and the Vatican—not by any stretch of the imagination. To me it is definitely inferior to those archives either in point of quantity or quality of the materials concerned, insofar as the Philippines is concerned."

We are inclined to agree with him, for as he said: "The bulk of documents in Mexico consists of duplicates of those extant either in Seville or in the Vatican," because "the viceroyalty of Mexico was but one of the several dependencies of the Supreme Council of the Indies, whose files are found today in the Seville archives."

In 1957, the Newberry Library in Chicago had extra funds and decided to microfilm for their Filipiniana collection the *Ramo de Filipinas* in the Mexican archives. Our cultural attaché, Miss Fe Palma, assisted in the work and asked that a copy of the microfilm be remitted to Manila for the National Library. Thus we acquired 31 rolls of 35-mm film, (each roll is 100 feet long) of the *Ramo de Filipinas* which consisted of 63 volumes, with each volume made up from 350 to 450 pages or folios. A copy of these rolls were donated to the library of the University of the Philippines when President Adolfo López Mateos visited Manila in October of 1962, through the efforts of the Mexican historian, Don Arturo Arnaiz y Freg.

At the invitation of President López Mateos, a two-man team left Manila last year: Dr. Abraham Laygo, historical researcher in the archives division of the Bureau of Records Management, and the author. The former stayed in Mexico City from May to De-

¹ Gregorio F. Zaide, "Filipiniana Treasures in Mexico's Archives," *Philippine Historical Bulletin*, Dec. 1958, p. 47.

² In a letter to the undersigned dated Jan. 13, 1964, from Mexico City. Mr. Henson was making researches on references to his native city and checked on Dr. Zaide's figures.

³ Domingo Abella, "Filipiniana Treasures in Repositories Abroad," in *International Association of Historians of Asia, Second Biennial Conference Proceedings*, October 6-9, 1962 (Taiwan, IAHA, 1962), p. 811.

cember, while the latter from August to October, 1964. Dr. Leopoldo Zea of the cultural affairs division of the Department of Foreign Affairs, his assistant Don Juan Saldaña, Director Jorge Ignacio Mañe of the Archivo General, and Director Manuel Alcalá of the Biblioteca Nacional, were extremely helpful in our work and we wish to acknowledge publicly our gratitude to them.

The Archivo General was established in 1790 by the Conde de Revillagigedo, then viceroy of the Spanish king. It is housed in the lower two floors, southeast corner of the Palacio Nacional. The Biblioteca Nacional is a part of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, but only books and documents pertaining to Mexican history are to be found there. General books, and works on reference are to be found in the university campus located at the southernmost part of the city, in an imposing edifice whose outside walls of mosaic were executed by the famed Mexican muralist, Diego Rivera. The Biblioteca is located downtown, about six blocks from the Palacio, and was formerly the Augustinian convent which the Mexican Government confiscated during one of its secularization upheavals. The massive stone blocks have sunk unequally in the ground, like so many edifices in that city, because it was built on a former lake that surrounded the Aztec capital. From this convent Fray Andrés de Urdaneta sallied forth to join his provincemate Miguel López de Legazpi for the trip across the Pacific Ocean to colonize the Philippines in 1564.

The 63 volumes comprising the *Ramo de Filipinas* do not contain documents that would change our concept of the Manila-Acapulco galleon trade. The Newberry Library, insofar as the interest of historians on Philippine matters are concerned, would have been better off if only a fraction of this mass of materials had been microfilmed. Their drawback, of course, was that they had no capable historian versed in Philippine topics to evaluate and select the documents for microfilming; and to play safe, they had *all* the papers in the 63 volumes photographed. We could have done the same thing for the other *ramos* in the Mexican archives, but it would have been too heavy an imposition on the funds of the Mexican department of foreign affairs to do so; and, frankly speaking, very many of the documents in archives—whether here or abroad—are of little or no historical significance. To microfilm such trifling documents would be a waste of money and time. So, contrary to the urging of Dr. Laygo, I selected for microfilming only 798 of the 4,129 documents which he had patiently listed.

Nevertheless, scholars who wish to consult all of the 4,129 documents on the archipelago may do so either from the Filipiniana Division of the National Library, or the archives division of the Bureau of Records Management,* where the complete lists have been kept. It would be fairly simple for any scholar wanting to consult any document not included in the microfilm collection to write to the Archivo General de la Nación in Mexico City for any of the missing papers that they would like to consult.

The great bulk of the *Ramo de Filipinas*, as we have pointed out, consists of correspondence and orders of little historical import. For example: a score of personal requests to exile individuals from Mexico on the grounds that they were vagabonds; payment of debts, lists of merchandise, salaries of certain persons, requests for shipping permits by individual, transfers of minor officials, etc. On the other hand, other papers are of more than passing interest. For example: an account of the Muslim raids at the time of Governor Pedro de Arandia; the reception of Sultan Alimuddin in Manila; a series of documents on Ventura de los Reyes, businessman, who later became the Philippine representative to the Spanish Cortes; medicines remitted from Spain to Manila; documents on the creation of the *Compañía de Filipinas*, etc.

Documents described in the other *ramos* proved, at least to the undersigned, of greater interest and importance than those in the *Ramo de Filipinas*. The volumes on the Inquisition was a good source of these papers: starting from 1572, a year after the founding of Manila, the list is a good index not only of how this notorious branch of the church operated, but include many allied topics. For example: Governor Francisco Sande, third governor general, denounced in 1577 the existence of idolaters and of certain Indian women "married to the devil"; the ecclesiastical case against the wife of Governor Guido de Lavezaris for being a witch; countless cases for adultery and bigamy; superstitious beliefs; *autos da fé* made on heretics captured aboard Dutch galleons; controversies between civil and religious leaders; list of prohibited books, etc.

The Biblioteca Nacional in Mexico City has a very much smaller number of Philippine documents in its archives: nevertheless they are interesting, such as an account by the Augustinian parish priest of the eruption of Taal volcano in 1754, the British occu-

* In this issue please see an annotated check-list of the microfilm copies of Philippine historical documents donated to the University of the Philippines by Mexican President Lopez-Mateos.—Editor

pation of Manila in 1763, plan to create a *Compañía de Comercio de Filipinas*, letters on printing of books in 1612, the beatification of Mother Geronima de la Asunción, the landing of Admiral Draper in Manila, etc. This library also has several notable rare books on the Philippines, such as Admiral José González Cabrera Bueno's "Navegación Especulativa Práctica" printed in Manila in 1734, (of which only four or five copies in the world are extant) the manuscript first volume of Fray Juan de San Antonio's "Cronicas de la Apostólica Provincia de San Gregorio," written in the early eighteenth century, and Fray Diego Aduarte's "Historia de la Provincia del Sancto Rosario," Manila 1640. I did not find a copy of Antonio de Morga's "Sucesos de las Islas Filipinas" printed in Mexico in 1609, although it was rumored a copy could be found in a private collection north of the capital.

In this connection the author made a flying trip to Lima, Peru, with the assistance of The Asia Foundation, to investigate unconfirmed reports that there were a great number of Filipiniana materials in that former viceroyalty of Spain. While in Madrid in June of 1964, Dr. Charles O. Huston, formerly of the University of Manila, had informed us of a reference to a letter allegedly written by the Jesuits in Lima around 1590 concerning a printing press that they had sent to their Society in Manila.

This claim was not verified by two eminent Jesuit historians from Peru, the Rev. Rubén Vargas Ugarte and the Rev. Enrique T. Bartra, nor by the other Peruvian authorities like Don Guillermo Lohmann and Dr. José Ma. Arguedes of the Casa de Cultura. If Dr. Huston's allegation is true, it is very possible that the first book printed in Manila was not in 1593, but earlier, and made not by the Dominicans but by the Jesuits.

Director Carlos Cueto Fernandini of the Biblioteca Nacional de Peru said that destruction by fire of their entire collection in 1943 destroyed whatever manuscripts and books they had on the Philippines. The Archivo Nacional (Director Guillermo Durand Florez) and the Archivo Histórico de la Hacienda (Director Bedoya Villacorta) in Lima had very little of importance concerning the Philippines; they did have a few documents regarding the *Compañía Real de Filipinas y Peru*, the commercial firm established in the 18th century to compete with the Acapulco trade, and records of the voyage of Alvaro de Mendaña who discovered the Solomons and northern Australia and whose ship finally anchored in Manila at the time of Lieut. Gov. Antonio de Morga.

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PHILIPPINE HISTORICAL
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PHILIPPINE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS FOUND IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF MEXICO

One of the handicaps facing the scholar and student of Philippine culture and history is the dearth of original materials locally available in libraries of the government or in private collections. Many of these documents are located in museums and libraries elsewhere in the world—in the archives of London, the United States, Spain, or Mexico.

Because of this lack of materials the Filipino scholar is compelled to pursue further studies abroad. Fortunately many countries with which the Philippines share common cultural ties have come to appreciate our need to have these documents made locally available.

With the idea in mind to revive and strengthen cultural relations between the Philippines and Mexico, through the scholarly study of early relations between these two countries, Mexican President Lopez Mateos presented to the University of the Philippines, as gift to the Filipino people, thirty reels of microfilms of documents pertaining to the Philippines before the twentieth century. The original documents are now permanently housed in his country's National Archives. In turn, the University of the Philippines conferred upon President Lopez Mateos the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, in recognition not only of his work among the Mexican people with whom the Filipinos share common aspirations, but of his interest in strengthening the ties that bind Mexico and the Philippines in friendship. This was on October 22, 1962.

To make them immediately of use in research, U.P. President Carlos P. Romulo created a committee to process the materials. Dr. Guadalupe Fores Ganson was appointed Chairman, with Dr. Lilia H. Laurel, Professor Antolina Antonio, Mrs. Justina S. Ocampo, and Miss Lydia Escarilla, as members. In cooperation with the Ganson Committee and the University Library which now keeps the microfilms, *Asian Studies* is happy to publish the first portion of the work:

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REEL 2

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- 1755- (Exp. 13) — Copy of the letter written to this higher branch of government by Don Cesar Folliet and Don Antonio F. Quesada, commanding officers of the fleet sent against the Muslims. pp. 241-256
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- 1755- (Exp. 15) — Testimony on the general state of commercial guilds in this city of Manila. pp. 281-283
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- 1761- (Exp. 9) — Papers concerning the suspension of permit granting special privileges to Spaniards in Acapulco, conceded to Don Juan Guitierrez de la Vega, due to suspicions of his conduct. Mexico, January 5, 1761. pp. 272-293
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- 1767- (Exp. 14) — General plan and computation of value of freight carried by the frigate *San Carlos Borromeo* which cast anchor in Acapulco. (with an explanatory sketch) pp. 353-355

- 1767- — Testimony on petition made by the general of the Philippine
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- 1767- — Proceedings concerning the appointment of a chief sentinel
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- 1758- — Report on the inspection made of the Philippine patache
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- 1756- — Account of the Moro invasion in the provinces and islands of
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- 1756- — Account of the conflagration which occurred in the old Parian
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- 1757- (Exp. 8) — Contract of the partial payment given in the city of Manila to the military and naval officials and others of the crew of the patache *Nuestra Señora de la Porteria*, which voyaged to the port of Acapulco in this year. pp. 322-326
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- 1758- (Exp. 3) — List of the military, naval officials, garrison and crew of the galleon *Santisima Trinidad*, also known by the name of *Poderoso* which was dispatched from Cavite to Acapulco in 1758. pp. 84-87
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