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Manila, September 20, 1951

Honorable Sir :

Following on our previous conversations concerning the establishment of a Military Vicariate for the Philippine Armed Forces, I have the honor to submit hereinafter the final text of a proposed agreement between the Holy See and the Philippine Republic, regulating the appointments of the Military Vicar, of the Catholic Chief of Chaplains and of the Catholic Chaplains, as well as their position as Ecclesiastics of the Catholic Church as well as officers of the Philippine Armed Forces.

1. In order to provide more adequate and efficient spiritual care for the Catholic members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Holy See has established a Military Vicariate.

2. The Holy See shall entrust the office of Military Vicar to a Filipino-born member of the Philippine Hierarchy, who will be freely chosen by the Holy See. However, before proceeding to his appointment, the Holy See shall communicate his name to the Philippine Government in order to ensure that there is no serious objection on the part of the Government. Should any such objection exist, it will be notified to the Apostolic Nunciature in Manila within a period of thirty days, after the expiration of which it will be understood that the Government has no objection to the appointment, and the Holy See may proceed to the publication of the same without further delay.

3. The Catholic Chief Chaplain shall be appointed by the Philippine Government upon designation by the Military Vicar. He shall receive from the Military Vicar the appointment as Military Delegate, with the authority and jurisdiction of a Vicar General.

4. The Catholic Military chaplains shall be appointed by the Philippine Government upon presentation by the Military Vicar.

5. The Catholic Chief Chaplain and chaplains shall receive the same financial remuneration as other Military Officers of the same rank.

6. The Catholic Military chaplains, in the exercise of their priestly functions, shall be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Military Vicar and of the Military Delegate.

¹ Came into force on 18 June 1952 by the exchange of the said notes.