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I HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD FROM GENERAL SHARP THAT GENERAL WAINWRIGHT IN TWO BROADCASTS ON THE NIGHTS OF THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH ANNOUNCED HE WAS REASSUMING THE COMMAND OF ALL FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND DIRECTED THEIR SURRENDER GIVING IN DETAIL THE METHOD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT STOP SHARP ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS STOP I HAVE INFORMED HIM THAT GENERAL WAINWRIGHTS ORDERS SINCE HIS SURRENDER HAVE NO VALIDITY SEMICOLON THAT IF OVERCOME BY SUPERIOR FORCES HE WILL ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE INTO SMALL IRREGULAR BANDS AND CONTINUE SUCH RESISTANCE AS MAY BE POSSIBLE STOP I BELIEVE GENERAL WAINWRIGHT HAS TEMPORARILY BECOME UNBALANCED AND HIS CONDITION RENDERS HIM SUSCEPTIBLE OF ENEMY USE END

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