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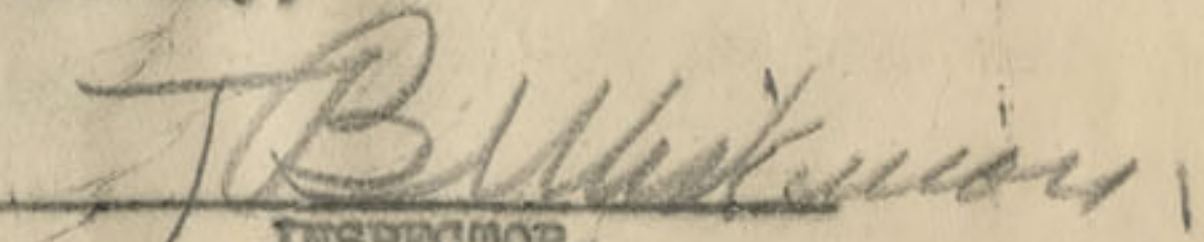
MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL GOETHALS:

Referring to the attached memorandum:

I am informed that the criminal or circuit courts of the two other places, namely, Ancon and Empire, do not use a colored policeman as a bailiff. At Ancon the commanding officer of the police station acts in the capacity of crier for the court at such times as it is in session. At Empire one of the officers of that station acts as crier for that court at such times as it is in session. In both of these instances they are only used when such court is in session.

In the district courts of Ancon, Empire, Gorgona and Cristobal, colored policemen are used as bailiffs. These courts are open for about eight hours a day and although court is not in session all that time on each day, yet this bailiff remains there during the time the judge's office is open, which is, as I said before, about eight hours each day. He acts in the dual capacity of policeman and interpreter. Sometimes he may be used by the judge as a messenger, but as far as I can learn, only on official business.

Respectfully,


INSPECTOR.

TBM-M