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Mr. J. C. Schwarz
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Dear Mr. Schwarz:

I have received your letter of March 3, 1938, in which you inform me that my name has been recommended by Dr. José M. Delgado for inclusion in the 1938 edition of "Who's Who Among Physicians and Surgeons." In compliance with your request, I am filling out the questionnaire which you have sent me although, upon second thought, I feel that I am not entitled to be included in this publication inasmuch as, at present, I am occupying a government position not connected with the medical work.

I served as a volunteer surgeon, during the World War, with the American Red Cross and was detailed as surgeon to French hospitals. For my services there, I was decorated with the French Medal of Honor, the Silver Medal of French Recognition and was made an officer of the Legion of Honor. Upon my return to the Islands, I joined the Medical Corps of the Philippine Constabulary, the armed force of the Philippine Government, and, five years after I joined the organization, I was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel and made Chief Surgeon. At the same time, I was made President of the Board of Medical Examiners, which position I occupied for several years.

In 1932 the Department of Health and Welfare was organized by the Philippine Legislature, and the then Governor-General, Theodore Roosevelt, appointed me Acting Commissioner of Health and Welfare to organize the department. I occupied this position for two years after which Governor-

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General Murphy asked me to give up my medical work and accept an appointment as Brigadier General and Commanding General of the Philippine Constabulary. I tried to discuss with Governor-General Murphy my objections to such appointment, but I was told that my services were needed, and I had no other recourse but to accept. Since then, I have been separated from my surgical work although, occasionally, I still perform surgical operations. When the Philippine Army was organized in 1936, the President of the Commonwealth promoted me to the rank of Major General and designated me Deputy Chief of Staff which position I now hold.

In the year 1935 I was elected President of the Colegio Médico-Farmacéutico de Filipinas, the oldest medical society existing in the Islands. I was reelected twice during which time I was able to bring about the union of the old Spanish medical society and the new English-speaking Manila Medical Society. Former presidents had tried to bring about this union, but opposition on the part of the members of both societies made all their efforts futile. I was fortunate to be able to win the goodwill of the members of both societies and, with the cooperation of Dr. Nañagas, then President of the Manila Medical Society, I was able to bring about the much-needed union.

Personally, I feel that I am not entitled to be included in the publication "Who's Who Among Physicians and Surgeons," but I am leaving that to your own judgment.

Sincerely yours,

BASILIO J. VALDÉS
(Major General)

Incl.

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 - 7.- Officers of important medical societies.
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