

Block No. 355 of Cadastral survey of the City of Manila, plan PCN-141, bounded on the southeast by Lots No. 2 and 6 of Block 355, on the northeast by L. Guerrero Street, formerly Calle, on the northwest by Padre Faura Street, on the southwest by Dewey Boulevard; the area containing 3367 square meters and 80 square decimeters, more or less.

And I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of State, on behalf of the United States, to enter into and conduct suitable negotiations for the acquisition of title to any of the above described properties the title to which is not vested in the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the [SEAL] Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventieth.

HARRY S TRUMAN

By the President:

DEAN ACHESON

*Acting Secretary of State.*

#### INDEPENDENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the United States of America by the Treaty of Peace with Spain of December 10, 1898, commonly known as the Treaty of Paris, and by the Treaty with Spain of November 7, 1900, did acquire sovereignty over the Philippines, and by the Convention of January 2, 1930, with Great Britain did delimit the boundary between the Philippine Archipelago and the State of North Borneo; and

WHEREAS the United States of America has consistently and faithfully during the past forty-eight years exercised jurisdiction and control over the Philippines and its people; and

WHEREAS it has been the repeated declaration of the legislative and executive branches of the Government of the United States of America that full independence would be granted the Philippines as soon as the people of the Philippines were prepared to assume this obligation; and

WHEREAS the people of the Philippines have clearly demonstrated their capacity for self-government; and

WHEREAS the Act of Congress approved March 24, 1934, known as the Philippine Independence Act, directed that, on the 4th day of July immediately following a ten-year transitional period leading to the independence of the Philippines, the President of the United States of America should by proclamation withdraw and surrender all rights of possession, supervision, jurisdiction, control, or sovereignty of the United States of America in and over the territory and people of the Philippines, except certain reservations therein or thereafter authorized to be made, and, on behalf of the United States of America, should recognize the independence of the Philippines:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the aforesaid act of Congress, do proclaim that, in accord with and subject to the reservations provided for in the applicable statutes of the United States,

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30 Stat. 1754.

31 Stat. 1942.

47 Stat. 2198.

48 Stat. 456.  
48 U. S. C., § 1232  
*et seq.*; Supp. V, § 1232  
*et seq.*

The United States of America hereby withdraws and surrenders all rights of possession, supervision, jurisdiction, control, or sovereignty now existing and exercised by the United States of America in and over the territory and people of the Philippines; and,

On behalf of the United States of America, I do hereby recognize the independence of the Philippines as a separate and self-governing nation and acknowledge the authority and control over the same of the government instituted by the people thereof, under the constitution now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this Fourth day of July in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-first.

HARRY S TRUMAN

By the President:

DEAN ACHESON

*Acting Secretary of State.*

Recognition of independence of Philippines.

#### IMMIGRATION QUOTA FOR PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

July 4, 1946

[No. 2696]

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney General have reported to the President that pursuant to the duty imposed and the authority conferred upon them in and by sections 11 and 12 of the Immigration Act of 1924 approved May 26, 1924 (43 Stat. 159, 161) and Reorganization Plan No. V (3 CFR Cum. Supp., Ch. IV), they jointly have made the revision provided for in section 12 of the said act and have fixed the quota for the Philippine Islands in accordance therewith to be as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the power in me vested by the aforesaid act of Congress, do hereby proclaim and make known that the annual quota for the Philippine Islands effective July 4, 1946, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and for each fiscal year thereafter, has been determined in accordance with the law to be, and shall be, 100.

The immigration quota of 50 authorized by section 8 (a) (1) of the Act approved March 24, 1934, entitled "An Act to provide for the complete independence of the Philippine Islands, to provide for the adoption of a constitution and a form of government for the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes" (48 Stat. 462; 53 Stat. 1230; 48 U. S. C. 1238), which Act was accepted by concurrent resolution of the Philippine Legislature on May 1, 1934, and which became effective on that date, will become inoperative on July 4, 1946, the date the Government of the United States recognizes the independence of the Philippine Islands as a separate and self-governing nation.

The immigration quota assigned to the Philippine Islands is designed solely for purposes of compliance with the pertinent provisions of the Immigration Act of 1924 and is not to be regarded as having any significance extraneous to this subject.

8 U. S. C. §§ 211, 212; Supp. V. § 211 et seq.  
54 Stat. 1238.  
5 U. S. C. § 133t note.

Immigration quota for Philippine Islands.

43 Stat. 153.