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1. Six representatives of the Military Intelligence Service, Armed Forces of the Philippines (MIS, AFP), including one captain, one lieutenant, and four enlisted men, were sent to Taiwan early in 1950 to survey military installations and to determine the effectiveness of Chinese Nationalist defenses for averting a Communist invasion of Taiwan. The mission returned to Manila after an absence of approximately two months.
2. This mission was kept highly secret. The fact that the Philippine Government had sent such a mission was not to be disclosed to representatives of the US. Members of the group wore civilian clothing and were heavily armed.
3. On their arrival in Taipei, members of the mission were taken into custody by the Chinese authorities and were detained for two days, after which they were released through the efforts of the Philippine Embassy.

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Comment. The identities of the members of the mission or the exact period of their stay could not be determined. It is believed that the mission was in Taiwan during February and March. The substance of the mission's findings is not known. The period of detention in Taipei indicates that the Philippine Embassy there was not apprised of the mission until assistance was required to secure release of the group.

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