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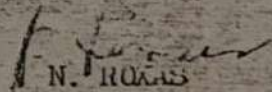
Manila, July 10, 1947

Mr. Jose P. Castro  
Secretary, Local Committee  
Nacionalista Liberal Party  
Norzagaray, Bulacan

S i r :

Referring again to Resolution No. 6 adopted on February 9, 1947, by the Local Committee of the Nacionalista Liberal Party, Norzagaray, Bulacan, requesting the reservation of the mountain comprising the "Kuweba Ng Pinagrealan" in the barrio Minuyan, said municipality, because of its historical importance, the President has asked me to furnish you, herewith, for your information, self-explanatory copies of the 2nd and 4th Indorsements, dated June 18 and 28, 1947, of the Directors of Mines and of Forestry, respectively, relative to the matter.

Very respectfully,

  
N. ROXAS  
Assistant Secretary  
to the President



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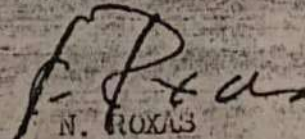
Manila, March 7, 1947

Mr. Jose P. Castro  
Secretary, Local Committee  
of the Nacionalista Liberal Party  
Norzagaray, Bulacan

Sir:

In acknowledging the receipt of Resolutions Nos. 4 and 5 adopted on February 9, 1947, by the Local Committee of the Nacionalista Liberal Party, Norzagaray, Bulacan, requesting respectively the reconstruction of the municipal and school buildings thereat, and the reservation of the mountain comprising the "Kuwaba ng Tinagroalan" in the barrio of Minuyan, thereby segregating the same from the claim of one Armande Payumo due to its historical importance, please be advised that His Excellency, the President, has directed reference thereof to the Secretaries of the Departments concerned for comment and recommendation, upon the receipt of which we shall be pleased to communicate with you again.

Very respectfully,



N. ROXAS  
Assistant Secretary  
to the President

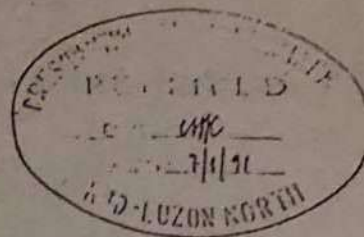




# NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

July 8, 1991

Atty. Manuel B. Gaité  
Presidential Staff Director  
Presidential Management Staff  
Office of the President  
Malacanang Palace, Manila



Dear Atty. Gaité:

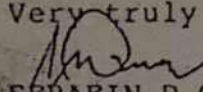
Please be informed of our receipt of your communication requesting appropriate action on a Sangguniang Bayan Resolution of Norzagaray, Bulacan, that the Pinagrealan Cave and the surrounding limestone and marble hills be declared a historical area.

The Pinagrealan Cave at Minuyan, Norzagaray, Bulacan, used to be the site of secret meetings of Katipuneros in that part of Bulacan. Reliable historical information states that the kilometer-long Cave served as one of the headquarters of Bulacan revolutionists during the Revolution of 1896.

In this regard, the NHI recommends that the Pinagrealan Cave be declared a historical area and that its environs of limestone and marble hills are potential tourist attractions of Bulacan.

With sincere regards. I am

Very truly yours,

  
SERAFIN D. QUIASON  
Chairman and Executive Director.

Copies furnished:

1. Hon. Vicente A. Galang, Presidential Staff Director  
Office of the President
2. Hon. Nemesio T. Nicolas, Mayor, Norzagaray, Bulacan
3. General Delfin C. Castro and Colonel Jose C. Castro,  
Norzagaray, Bulacan



Republika ng Pilipinas  
Lalawigan ng Bulacan  
Bayan ng Norzagaray

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

SIPI NG KATITIKAN NG KARANIWANG PULONG NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN  
NA IDINAOS SA BULWAGANG PULUNGAN  
NUONG 19 ABRIL 1991.

Mga Dumalo:

KGG. Nemesio T. Nicolas	- Nanunuparang Punong Bayan
KGG. Virgilio B. Cruz	- Konsehal,
KGG. Perfecto C. Perez	- Konsehal,
KGG. Lamberto C. Rayo	- Konsehal,
KGG. Zosimo P. Cruz	- Konsehal,
KGG. Jose C. Pascual, Jr.	- Konsehal,
KGG. Danilo M. Maningas	- Konsehal,
KGG. Alfredo C. Samson	- Konsehal,
KGG. Ma. Cleofe San Pedro	- Konsehal. (KB)

Hindi Nakadalo:

KGG. Jorge S. Esguerra	- Punong Bayan (Nakabakasyon)
KGG. Damiano T. Pascual	- Nanunuparang Pangalawang Punong Bayan
KGG. Floro F. Gener	- Konsehal.

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KAPASIYAHAN BLG. 91-4-13

KAPASIYAHANG BAYAN NA HUMIHILING SA KGG. CORY C. AQUINO, PANGULO  
NG PHILIPINAS NA IDEKLARANG HISTORICAL SPOT ANG PINAGREALAN  
CAVE AT MGA KARATIG NA LIMESTONE/MARBLE HILLS AT IPAGBAWAL  
ANG PAGSIRA SA MGA ITO.

SAPAGKA'T, ang Pinagrealan Cave sa Barangay Minuyan ng bayang ito ay gumanap na malaking bahagi sa kasaysayan ng lahing Pilipino nang panahon ng pananakop at panlulupig ng mga banyagang Kastila, Amerikano at Hapones;

SAPAGKA'T, ang mga kabataan at sasaling lahi ay may karapatan na mabatid ang tunay na kasaysayan ng ating bansa at makita ang mga mahahalagang lugar o pook na naging bahagi ng makulay na kasaysayan ng ating lahi;

SAPAGKA'T, ang Pinagrealan Cave ay isa sa mga natitirang pook na nakatela sa ating kasaysayan sapagka't ito ay ginamit ng mga bayani ng ating bansa bilang isang kuta at muog sa pagtatanggol laban sa pang-aapi at panlulupig ng mga dayuhan;

DAHIL DITO, sa mungkahi ng KGG. Zosimo P. Cruz na pinangalawahan ng KGG. Virgilio B. Cruz at sinang-ayunan ng lahat ng mga dumalo,

IPINASIYA, na gaya ngayon ay buong pagkakaisang pagpapasiya, na hilingin sa KGG. Cory C. Aquino, Pangulo ng Pilipinas na ideklarang isang HISTORICAL SPOT ang Pinagrealan Cave at mga karatig na limestone/Marble Hills sa Barangay Minuyan, Norzagaray, Bulacan at ipagbawal ang pagmimina o pagsira sa mga ito;

IPINASIYA RIN, na bigyan ng mga sipi nito ang Kgg. Cory  
C. Aquino, Pangulo ng Pilipinas, Palasyo ng  
Malacañang, Maynila at ang magkapatid na Castro.

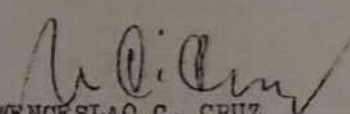
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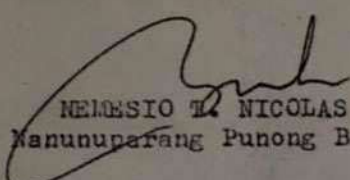
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Pinatutunayan ko ang kawastuan ng nilalaman ng siping  
ito.

  
WENCESLAO C. CRUZ  
Kalihim Bayan

PINAGTIBAY:

  
NEMESIO T. NICOLAS  
Manunuparang Punong Bayan

wcc/cenicolas:



Republika ng Pilipinas  
Lalawigan ng Bulacan  
Bayan ng Norzagaray

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

KAPI NG KATITIKAN NG KARANIWANG PULONG NG SANGGUNIANG  
BAYAN NG NORZAGARAY, BULACAN NA IDINAGS SA  
BULWAGANG PULUNGAN PAMBAYAN NG SANG-  
GUNIANG BAYAN NUONG PETSAS  
AGOSTO 4, 1997

**MGA DUMALO:**

- KGK. FRANCISCO M. SAN PEDRO, M.D. - Pangalawang Punong Bayan at Tagapangulo ng S.B.
- KGK. Leonardo L. Mendoza - Kagawad,
- KGK. Inocencio B. Esguerra - Kagawad,
- KGK. Marcelina S. Bartolome - Kagawad,
- KGK. Marcelo P. Marcial - Kagawad,
- KGK. Teodoro M. Gener II - Kagawad,
- KGK. Julian B. Sumbillo - Kagawad,
- KGK. Santiago B. Ramos - Kagawad,
- KGK. Vivencio C. Cruz - Kagawad, (ABQ)  
(Bumisita sa quarrying site sa Sityo Balugan, Kanyakan)
- KGK. MA. VERONICA C. PALAD - Kagawad, (SEK)

**HINDI MAKADALO:**

- KGK. Prince E. Reyes - Kagawad, (May karandang ...)

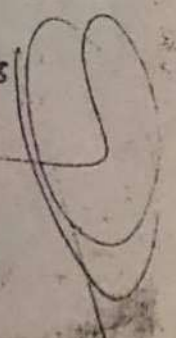
KAPASITYAHANG BAYAN BLG. 97-08-302

Panukala ng KGK. MARCELINA S. BARTOLOME  
Tagapangulo-Lupon sa Alituntunin at mga Pamamaraan

KAPASITYAHANG BAYAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN NG NORZAGARAY,  
BULACAN NA IDINUDULOG SA TANGGAPAN NG KAGAWARAN NG  
PANGANGALAGA SA LAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN (DENR)  
ANG ISANG MAALAB AT MURBODOB NA KAHILINGAN NA KANILANG  
OPISYAL NA MAI-DEKLARANG ISANG "PROTECTED AREA" ANG  
MGA PALIGID AT KALAPAT POOK NITO NA NABABAKUPAN NG  
"PINAGREALAN CAVE" NA MATATAGPUAN SA BARANGAY MINUYAN,  
BAYAN NG NORZAGARAY UPANG MAPANATILI AT MAPANGALAGAAN  
ANG MA-ALAMAT AT MAKASAYSAYANG PINAGMOLAN NG NATURANG  
YUNGIB NG PINAGREALAN.

SAPAGKAT, sa kasalukuyan at maging duha pa man nga lupon na panahon ang "Yungib ng Pinagrealan" ay naituturing na isang mahalaga at makasaysayang Pook o' Historical Site sa bayan ng Norzagaray, Bulacan;

SAPAGKAT, batay sa nakuhang mapagkakatiwalaang ulat ng Tanggapan ng Pambayang Tagapag-uga sa Pagpapiano at Pagpapaunlad ng Bayan ito, ang Yungib ng Pinagrealan bukod pa sa pagiging kuta ng Hukbong Tagalog sa





panahon ng Hinagsikan laban sa Pamahalaang Kastila noong taon 1896, ay napanganlungan din, kahit ilan mandali na naging Pangulo ng unang Republikang natatag sa Malolos, Kgg. Emilio Aguinaldo;

**SAPAGKAT,** ang naturang Yungib ng Pinagrealan ay pinamahayan din at naging puntod ng libingan ng maraming limot at mga di-kilalang bayani ng lahi; at huwag nang isaalang-alang pa ang pagkukuta dito, ng manlulupig na Hapon ng dumating dito ang tagapagligtas na Hukbong Amerikano;

**DAHIL DITO,** sa mungkahi ng KGG. MARCELINA B. BARTOLOME, Tagapamuno, lupon sa Alituntunin at mga Pamamaraan, na kinatigan at pinangalawahan nina KGG. INOCENCIO B. ESGUERRA, MARCELO P. MARCIAL, JULIAN B. SUMBILLO at MA. VERONICA C. PALAD;

**IPINASIYA,** gaya ng dito ngayon ay ipinapasiyang pagtibayin na maidulog ng kasalukuyang pamumun ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Herzagaray sa Tanggapan ng Kagawaran ng Pangangalaga sa Kapaligiran at Likas na Yaman (DENR) ang isang maigting na kahilingan na kanilang opisyal na mai-deklarang isang "Protected Area" ang mga lugar na nasasakupan at kalapit poon na sumasaklaw sa Yungib ng Pinagrealan, na isang nakasaysayang lugar, dinadakilala at ikinara-rangal ng sinamang naka-saksi at di nakakalinot sa kasaysayan ng mga kaganapan ng naturang kumaba ng Pinagrealan;

**IPINASIYA PA,** na mapadalhan ng sipi ng Kapasiyahang ito ang Tanggapan ng DENR para sa kanilang kagyat na ikababatid at maayong pagsasaalang-alang.

**PINAGTIBAY NG BUONG PAGKAKAISA,**

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**PINATUTUNAYAN KO** ang kawastuan ng nilalaman ng siping nakatitik sa itaas nito.

ANTONIO C. PRONEBO  
Kalihim Bayan

**PINAGTIBAY:**

FRANCISCO M. SAN PEDRO, M.D.  
Pangalawang Punong Bayan  
at Tagapangulo ng S.B.

**PINAGTITIBAY:**

FELICIANO P. LEGASPI, M.D.  
Punong Bayan



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Office to Teresita San Diego Paps on January 21, 1991; that the latter allegedly entered into an Operating Agreement with JNJ which however, upon verification was not sanctioned by the Office in violation of Section 15 (a) of the Mines Administrative Order No. MRD-41, which provides that:

"Sec. 15 (a) MAO No. 15 - The permit shall be for the exclusive use of the permittee and shall not be transferred without the written approval of the Regional Technical Director as the case may be."

Moreover, Julian Reyes himself, in his own avowal in a letter he sent and which was received by the Office on March 7, 1991, admitted that they have been in operation since the inception of the Operating Agreement which, as above-adverted was not approved or sanctioned by the Office.

Furthermore, to show JNJ's criminal propensity, this Honorable Office might have judicial notice that the former has a pending illegal mining case in connection with its illegal mining operation in the area covered by SSMP-III-81 of Tomas Pablo, in San Rafael, Bulacan.

Attached are the xerox copies of the following documents to support aforesaid complaint:

1. Joint Affidavit of Reynaldo Cruz, Cynthia Motias and Jorge Conti of the DENR, Region III, San Fernando, Pampanga;
2. Investigation Report (in the form of Memorandum) on alleged illegal quarrying activities of JNJ and its adverse effects;
3. Photo copies of illegal quarrying activities of JNJ;
4. Letter of JNJ addressed to the Regional Executive Director, DENR, Region III, San Fernando, Pampanga, admitting its operations in the area;
5. Letter of [elfin and Jose Castro to the President



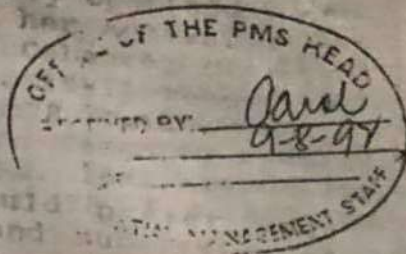
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES

**RUSH**

01 September 1992

MEMORANDUM

FOR : OIC, RED DELFIN GANAPIN, SR.  
DENR-Region III  
San Fernando, Pampanga



Attn.: OIC, RTD ARNULFO CABANTOG

SUBJECT : Illegal quarry operations in the Pinagrealan Cave, Minuyan, Norzagaray, Bulacan and its immediate environs as well as the reported continuing quarry operations of Mrs. Teresita San Diego-Papa and her operators within the area of cancelled SSMP No. 35-1, subject of the Memorandum-Report dated 03 and 06 January 1992 of Forester Rolando S. Suetos and CENRO Juan P. Vertudes, respectively.

Further to our Memorandum dated 14 August 1992, you are hereby directed to strictly stop all illegal quarry operations in the Pinagrealan Cave and its immediate vicinities and to ensure the preservation of the cave for historical reasons without prejudice to the filing of criminal charges against the perpetrators/illegal quarry operators pursuant to Sec. 78, P.D. 463, as amended.

The prosecution of the JNJ Marble and Spar Development Co., Inc. as directed by then USEC Victor O. Ramos, in his Memorandum of 23 September 1991, must be pursued without any further deferrals. Please note that such directive has long been issued but it appears that your Office has not instituted any definite concrete action thereon.

This Office has received complaints from concerned government agencies such as the National Historical Institute, the Office of the Vice-President and now the Presidential Management Staff of the Office of the President against your long inaction on the matter, causing great embarrassment and compromising the integrity of the DENR. It is therefore imperative that your Office should act promptly on all directives to avoid similar eventualities which could trigger political issues and place the DENR in an embarrassing situation.



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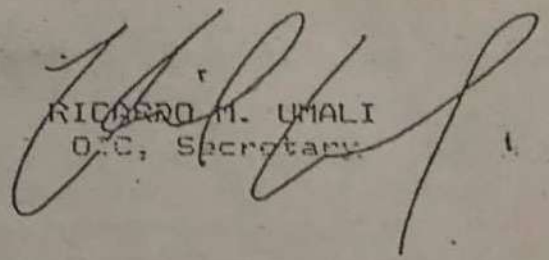
14 August 1992

MEMORANDUM

TO : OIC, RED DELFIN GANAPI, SR.  
DENR-Region III  
San Fernando, Pampanga

With reference to the Memorandum dated 23 September 1991 of then USEC Victor O. Ramos instructing your Office to file criminal charges against the JNJ Marble and the Spar Development Co., Inc. pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 78, P.D. 463, as amended, you are hereby directed to submit a report regarding your actions taken thereon within three (3) working days from receipt hereof. Also, you are advised to cause the stoppage of all illegal quarry operations within the Pinagrealan Cave in Minuyan, Norzagaray, Bulacan and its immediate vicinities and to ensure the protection of said cave and its immediate environs for historical purposes.

For strict compliance.

  
RICARDO M. UMALI  
OIC, Secretary

cc: Mr. Rolando Ramirez  
Office of the Vice President  
Executive House, Manila

Mr. Jose Castro  
Minuyan, Norzagaray  
Bulacan

Reference Code No.: OVP-8-1-8/10

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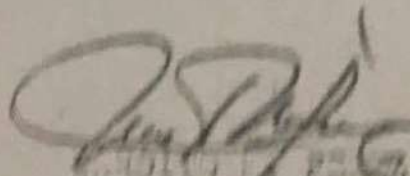
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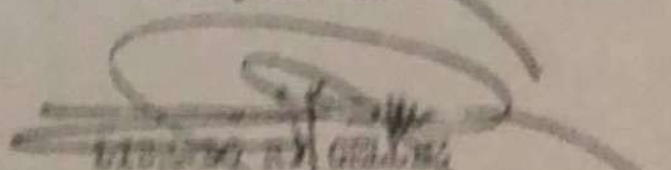
which has extracted an estimated area of 0.5 hectares under its PALINGIT Mining Lease Application of which until at present has no approved Mining Lease contract with our office.

RECOMMENDATION:

Considering the importance of the place as a historical site recognized by the Philippine Historical Commission, it is necessary that the area be reserved and be banned from any kind of mine extraction. While field finding shows the site is not a quarrying operation, it is recommended that the cave area and its vicinities be excluded from permit areas and the present permit along the perimeter of the cave be stopped/suspended/cancelled.

For information, record and perusal.

  
DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

  
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Geodetic Dept.





Republic of the Philippines

# Department of Environment and Natural Resources

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE  
Tahang, Guiguinto, Bulacan

ANNEX - "P-1"

16 August 1991

MEMORANDUM

PROV'L ENVIRONMEN  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
MALolos, BULACAN

FOR : The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer  
Malolos, Bulacan

FROM : Forester II Nardito M. Perez  
Geodetic Engr. Librado Celiez

SUBJECT : Field Finding Report on Marble Quarrying  
Operation of JNJ Marble and SPAR Develop-  
ment Company Inc., within the Pinagrealan  
Cave Area at Bgy. Minuyan, Norz., Bulacan.

RECEIVED

DATE: AUG 9 - 1991

Document

Attached : Sketch Plan of Quarrying Operation within  
Pinagrealan Cave and its vicinities.

FACTS:

1. Date of Field Inspection - August 13 & 15, 1991
2. Distance of Portal of Cave from existing Municipal road is approximately 320 meters.
3. That the Pinagrealan Cave and its vicinities are covered by existing Small Scale Mining Permit of Teresita Papa and under Mining Lease Applications of SPAR Development Company Inc.

FINDINGS:

1. ~~That Marble quarrying operation of JNJ Marble is~~ positive, having extracted an area of approximately 1.5 hectare along the lower ridges of the limestone hill where the Pinagrealan Cave is located. The subject area is covered by Small Scale Mining Permits issued to Teresita Papa which is being operated by JNJ Marble allegedly through Operating Agreement.
2. The other portion of the Hill, the top of the ridges is under Operation of SPAR Development Company Inc.





DENR Memorandum Circular  
No. 2012 - 97

OCT 30 2012

**SUBJECT : LIST OF CLASSIFIED CAVES**

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9072 (National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act), DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-04 (Procedure in Cave Classification) and upon recommendation of the National Cave Committee and concerned Regional Cave Committees, the list of classified caves is hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned:

**Section 1. Objective.** The primary purpose for the classification of the subject caves is to conserve, protect and manage the natural wealth and heritage of caves and the resources found therein.

**Section 2. Cave Classification.** DMC 2007-04 prescribes the following classes of caves in the country:

**Class I.** Caves with delicate and fragile geological formations, threatened species, archeological and paleontological values, and extremely hazardous conditions. Allowable activities are limited to mapping, photography, educational and scientific purposes.

**Class II.** Caves with areas or portions which have hazardous conditions and contain sensitive geological, archeological, cultural, historical and biological values or high quality ecosystem. It may be necessary to close sections of these caves seasonally or permanently. It is open to experienced cavers or guided educational tours/visits.

**Class III.** Caves generally safe to inexperienced visitors with no known threatened species and archeological, geological, natural history, cultural and historical values. The caves may also be utilized for economic purposes such as guano extraction and edible birds nest collection.

**Section 3. List of Classified Caves.**

REGION/ PROVINCE	NAME OF CAVE	LOCATION	CLASSIFICATION
<i>Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) (5)</i>			
1. Abra	1. Kaungugan Cave	Brgy. Botot, Luba	Class III
2. Benguet	1. Dangwa Cave	Brgy. Taba-ao, Kapangan	Class III
	2. Tinedkaw Cave	Brgy. Tawang, La Trinidad	Class II
	3. Ansagan Cave	Brgy. Ansagan, Tuba	Class III



REGION/ PROVINCE	NAME OF CAVE	LOCATION	CLASSIFICATION
	2. Nagbukel Cave	Brgy. Cabaruan, Diffun	Class III
<i>Region 3 (2)</i>			
1. Bulacan	1. Puning Cave	Brgy. Bayabas, Doña Remedios Trinidad	Class II
	2. Pinagreskin Cave	Brgy. Bigte, Norzagaray	Class II
<i>Region 4A (4)</i>			
1. Rizal	1. Pamitinan Cave (Pamitinan Protected Landscape)	Brgy. San Rafael, Rodriguez	Class II
	2. Bat Cave	Brgy. San Rafael, Rodriguez	Class II
2. Quezon	1. Palale Cave	Brgy. Ibabang, Palale, Tayabas	Class II
3. Laguna	1. Kwebangputi	Brgy. Paowin, Cavinti	Class I
<i>Region 4B (1)</i>			
1. Marinduque	1. Bagumbungan Cave	Brgy. San Isidro, Sta. Cruz	Class II
<i>Region 5 (8)</i>			
1. Albay	1. Lingaw Cave	Brgy. Linao, Libon	Class III
	2. Rawis Cave	Brgy. Rawis, Libon	Class III
	3. San Ramon Cave	Brgy. San Ramon, Libon	Class III
	4. Pighulugn Cave	Brgy. Misibis, Bacacay	Class III
	5. Mataas Cave	Brgy. Mataas, Bacacay	Class II
	6. Calabidongan Cave	Brgy. Calabidongan, Camalig	Class II
2. Catanduanes	1. Luyang Cave	Brgy. Lictin, San Andres	Class III
3. Masbate	1. Versales Cave	Brgy. Ban-ao, Placer	Class III





## KWEBA NG PINAGREALAN

- ANG KWERA NG PINAGREALAN AY ISANG TINAYOG NA KWERA NG BUNYAN NA NATATAPUAN SA PAKAN NG BUNDOK NG-SIERRA MADRE SAKOP NG BAYAN NG NORZAGARAY. ITO AY ISANG KAMPAMENTO NG MGA REBOLUSYONARYONG FILIPINO SA PANGUNAHAN NI GENERAL SIMFONOSO DELA CRUZ. ITO AY NAGING PANGUNAHING KUTA AT TANGGULAN NG MGA MANGHINANGSIK NANG TAONG 1896-1897.

SA KWERANG ITO NAKIRANAN ANG BUKONG REBOLUSYONARYO NI GENERAL EMILIO AQUINILDO AT GENERAL PIO DEL PILAR. NAKARAGAN NG IBA'T-IBANG LABANAN SA LABAS AT PALINDI NG KWERA. SA LOOB NG KWERA NATATAPUAN ANG ISANG BANGAY NI GENERAL AQUINILDO SA-IBANG NG MARAMING MABITONG MUGIS PINTO AT TURAY NA MABIGL SA HARAPAN KANAN NG KWERA ITINAYO ANG KWARTEL AT BANGAY PAGANITAN KUNG SAAN ISINAGANIT ANG MGA MANGHINANGSIK NA NAGSUSIGATAN SA LABANAN.

ANG PALATANDAANG ITO AY GINOWA AT SINANG-AYUNAN SA BAGA NG ISANG RESOLUSYON NG NORZAGARAY CULTURE, HISTORY, ARTS AND TOURISM COUNCIL AT NG PUNING SAHON NG NORZAGARAY KUNO FELICIANO P. ITATAPYALD SA TAONG 2012.