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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : Acting Director, PNPA

FROM : Undersigned Cadet

SUBJECT : **Reflection Paper re: NICA Seminar**

DATE : November 21, 2022

1. Reference: Verbal Instruction of the Acting Director, PNPA on November 21, 2022.
2. This pertains to the instruction of the Acting Director, PNPA to ﻿write a one (1) page reflection on the ELP Activity NICA Seminar on December 13-14, 2022, at the PNPA/NPC Heroes Hall.
3. In connection, respectfully submits the attached reflection paper composed by the undersigned cadet.

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REFLECTION PAPER

*NICA Seminar*

*December 13-14, 2022*

The National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) is the primary intelligence gathering and analysis arm of the [Government of the Philippines](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_of_the_Philippines) in charge of carrying out overt, [covert](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secrecy#Government), and [clandestine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clandestine_operation) intelligence activities. The NICA cooperates with friendly countries and government agencies in and out of the country by posting agents as liaison officers. And on this 2 days seminar NICA shares to us on how to know the enemy especially the Communist Party of the Philippines.

We all know that insurgency is the long term problem of the country that we public safety officers has long been worrying about. An insurgency is a violent, armed [rebellion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rebellion) against [authority](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Authority) waged by small, lightly armed bands who practice guerilla warfare from primarily rural base areas. The key descriptive feature of insurgency is its [asymmetric](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asymmetric_warfare) nature: small [irregular forces](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irregular_forces) face a large, well-equipped, [regular military](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regular_military) force [state](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_(polity)) adversary. Due to this asymmetry, insurgents avoid large-scale direct battles, opting instead to blend in with the civilian population (mainly in the countryside) where they gradually expand territorial control and military forces. Insurgency frequently hinges on control of and collaboration with local populations.

An insurgency can be fought via [counter-insurgency](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counter-insurgency) warfare, as well as other political, economic and social actions of various kinds. Due to the blending of insurgents with the civilian population, insurgencies tend to involve considerable violence against civilians (by the state and the insurgents). State attempts to quell insurgencies frequently lead to the infliction of indiscriminate violence, whereas rebel control of territory frequently involves violence against the civilian population.

We were actually surprise that the speakers we had are actually former NPA members whether captured or surrendered and then turn themselves back to the government for security and other reasons. It is a positive way in the sense that they are actually teaching us how the enemy moves or works their way especially the recruitment process of the CPP-NPA-NDF because they experienced it themselves. And in these manner as a future public safety officer someday we were able to learn how to tract the enemy and develop programs to counter their illegal activities that bring problem to the country especially to our youth. We learn that good governance is very much important to solve the problem of insurgency here in the country. In this way police community relations was very much needed for us in the police force to counter the problem of insurgency in the country.