INTRODUCTION

The data presented in this study was gathered during a series of field trips in the Northern Philippines between December 1974 and September 1975. It was my original plan, and is still my plan, to use this data as a basis for a monograph dealing with the subgrouping of the Northern Philippine languages and the reconstruction of features in their shared protolanguage. At this time I have been given the opportunity to publish this data before I have had a chance to analyze it thoroughly or to compare it with other studies and to draw extensive conclusions. Because this data should be of value to many linguists other than myself who are engaged in descriptive and comparative studies, I have decided to go ahead with the publication and to defer final conclusions to a later date.

This study was intended to include representative languages from the entire area of the Philippines to the north of the Tagalog language area in Central Luzon. Data was collected from twenty-four speech varieties, including all of the lowland languages and a number of upland dialects. The following list indicates the places from which data was collected, together with the designation and abbreviation by which the speech varieties of the respective locations are referred to in this book.

Santo Tomas, Pampanga: Kapampangan (KPM) Botolan, Zambales: Botolan (BOT) Santa Cruz, Zambales: Sambal (SBL) Bolinao, Pangasinan: Bolinao (BOL) Binmaley, Pangasinan: Pangasinan (PNG) Tublay, Benguet: Inibaloi (INB) Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya: Isinai (ISI) Kiangan, Ifugao: Ifugao (IFG) Kibungan, Benguet: Kankanaey-S: (KNK) Bontoc, Mountain: Kankanaey-N (KNK) Luba, Abra: Luba (LUB) Tabuk, Kalinga-Apayao: Kalinga (KAL) Manabo, Abra: Manabo (MAN) Peñarrubia, Abra: Itneg (ITG) Caoayan, Ilocos Sur: Ilocano (ILK) Kabugao, Kalinga-Apayao: Isneg (ISG) Rizal, Cagayan: Malaweg (MAL) Tuao, Cagayan: Itawit (ITA) Tuguegarao, Cagayan: Ibanag-T (IBG) Pamplona, Cagayan: Ibanag-P (IBG) Echague, Isabela: Yogad (YOG) Angadanan, Isabela: Gaddang-A (GAD) Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya: Gaddang-B (GAD) Mahatao, Batanes: Ivatan (IVT)

In Abra we sampled three "dialects" of Itneg or Tingguian, only to find that they were distinct languages. What we found in Manabo is apparently a