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December 22, 1982

DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

	TO: MI	. Kenneth Duberstein - FROM: Congressman Robert T. Matsui
	DATE:	November 1, 1982 SUBJECT: Concerns Re Expenses
	for Man	cos Visit.
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		Other.

REMARKS:

L. Paul Bremer, III. Executive Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Matsui:

Thank you for your letter of November 1 to Mr. Duberstein concerning the state visit of President Marcos of the Philippines.

For all state visitors, the United States defrays a limited portion of the visitor's costs. This is a matter of normal diplomatic protocol. Such hospitality is reciprocated by foreign governments when the U.S. President travels abroad. I can assure you that no special expenses were undertaken by the U.S. for President Marcos' visit, whose costs to the U.S. government were entirely comparable to other state visits.

In brief, the U.S. offers all state visitors the following: lodging at hotels in Washington, D.C. and other U.S. cities for the official party (up to 12 persons) for up to six days (costs for additional members of an official party are paid for by the foreign government); and air and ground transportation for up to seven days (President Marcos declined the offer of a U.S. aircraft for his travel in the U.S.). In addition, it is customary for the President to host a state dinner for state visitors. The Secretary of State may hold a luncheon.

I would point out that the state visit provided a substantial benefit to the United States, particularly in creating a positive atmosphere for the scheduled 1983 review of our Military Bases Agreement with the Philippines.

Responding to your questions about U.S.-Philippine relations generally, the U.S. government maintains the close relationship with the current Philippine government that it has traditionally had with all Philippine administrations. These close ties are grounded in strong US interests in the Philippines and in a long historical relationship. US aid to the current Philippine government, as to past governments, serves US interest in continued access to military bases in the Philippines, Philippine self-defense, and economic well-being.

The US does not take sides in Philippine domestic politics for or against President Marcos or the members of the democratic opposition, with whom the US maintains broad contacts. We deal with the Philippine government, headed by

The Honorable

Robert T. Matsui,

House of Representatives.

President Marcos, in a manner befitting a long-time friendly, allied country. Dealing with the government in power is the normal and proper -- indeed the only -- way for governments to do business, and we believe that Filipinos of varying political persuasions understand this necessity.

We expect US-Philippine relations to continue to be stable for the foreseeable future. Under President Marcos, we enjoy good relations. His probable successors in office, both in the government and in the opposition, are political moderates who appreciate the importance of close ties to the US, and are likely to pursue similar policies toward the US. We expect that the succession process will take place through elections as constitutional processes provide. The communist insurgency, while burdensome, does not pose a threat to the stability of the government, and is not likely to in the foreseeable future.

I also enclose a general paper on US-Philippine relations which I hope will help meet your needs.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

Powell A. Moore Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations

Enclosures:

1. Correspondence returned.

 The Philippines Background and Bilateral Issues

DEPARTMENT OF STATE BRIEFING PAPER

THE PHILIPPINES

BACKGROUND AND BILATERAL ISSUES

President Ferdinand E. Marcos has occupied center stage in Philippine politics since his first election in 1965. He governed largely by decree from September 1972, when he declared martial law, until he lifted the state of emergency on January 17, 1981. He retains the power to rule by decree, but has used this power very sparingly. He has also eased restrictions on civil and political liberties. In an election boycotted by the major opposition parties, Marcos was elected to a six-year term as president in 1981. Local elections took place in 1982 and parliamentary elections are scheduled for 1984. Abuses by some members of the military, especially in insurgency areas, are a continuing problem.

The small but troublesome Communist and Muslim insurgencies persist, but pose no threat to the stability of the government. Since the end of martial law, moderate political parties opposed to President Marcos have been more active. Economic development was strong during the seventies, but has weakened rapidly because of low prices for traditional commodity exports (coconut products, sugar, copper, timber) and the cost of commercial financing. The government's technocrats are capable managers but they were caught by recession and interest costs just at midstream in major capital intensive development of new export industries and energy sources, leaving the country facing difficult financial prospects over the next few years. With \$1.3 billion in annual external assistance (including about \$100 million from the U.S. and \$200 million from Japan) the government has still considerable resources with which to correct deficiencies in rural growth, employment generation, and industry mix with which it might establish sustainable growth and social stability for the future. The Philippines also receives about \$50 million yearly in foreign military sales credits.

The U.S. Administration has continued the traditionally close relations with the Philippines. The September 15-21 for state visit of President and Mrs. Marcos, the first in 16 years, served to reaffirm the strong historical ties between the U.S. and the Philippines and created a good atmosphere for the scheduled April 1983 review of the Military Bases. Agreement. During the visit, the two governments agreed to conduct annual consultations on financial and related issues and periodic strategic consultations by Defense Ministers.

Action was completed on several bilateral agreements, including a tax treaty, civil aviation agreement, tourism agreement, and agricultural cooperation agreement.

A key element in the U.S.-Philippine relationship is the mutual security arrangement expressed by the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty and the Military Bases Agreement, which grants the U.S. unhampered operations at Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base, key facilities underpinning our strategic stance in the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean. The U.S. provides substantial security and economic assistance to the Philippines. President Carter pledged best efforts to provide, in connection with the 1979 bases amendment, \$500 million of FMS credits, MAP, and economic supporting fund assistance over the FY 1979-1984 period. In 1983, the U.S. and Philippines will review the bases agreement to ensure that it meets both countries' current needs. Assistance levels may be an important issue in the review.

In 1981 the U.S. and Philippines signed an extradition treaty, which has not yet been submitted to the Senate for ratification, pending Congressional action on general extradition legislation. Both sides are on record as considering the treaty a law enforcement tool against common criminals. The treaty contains the standard safeguards common to the approximately-100 other U.S. extradition treaties, but has been criticized on the presumption that it would be misused for political ends.

Bilateral economic issues consist largely of details of market access (textile quotas, restraints, general quotas and tariffs) and, currently, Philippine insistence that maritime cargos be allocated to boost national line participation.

The Philippines generally supports the U.S. on major — international issues, and President Marcos has urged a strong U.S. stand against Soviet expansionism. As a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Philippines has worked closely with its partners to oppose the Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea, although it has not usually taken the lead.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila issues more immigrant visas
(about 35,000 per year) than any other U.S. embassy or
consulate in the world. Immigration to the U.S. is an issue of
strong interest to the Philippine populace and government, and
there are close to one million persons of Filipino origin now
living in the U.S.

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Dear Mr. Matsui:

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Thank you for your November 1 letter indicating your constituents' concerns regarding the recent visit to the United States by President Perdinand Marcos of the Philippines.

Please know that I have directed your request for information on the expenses associated with the Marcos visit to the appropriate foreign policy advisers. I am certain that your correspondence will be given close and careful attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert T. Matsui House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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November 1, 1982

Mr. Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President for
Legislative Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Duberstein:

A number of my constituents in Sacramento have expressed concern regarding the recent visit to the United States of President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines. Specifically, they are concerned that a great deal of taxpayer money was spent to entertain and accomodate Mr. Marcos and his party, and that in light of the uncertain future of the Marcos government, strong U.S. support of Mr. Marcos could jeopardize long-term relations with the Philippines.

Therefore, I would appreciate a breakdown of U.S. expenses associated with the Marcos visit, along with a general comparison of the costs with those associated with state visits by similar heads of state. I would also like to receive an administration policy paper regarding U.S. support for the Marcos regime and the future of U.S.--Philippine relations.

If there are any questions, please contact Ann Leigh on my staff at 225-7163. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT T. MATSUI Member of Congress

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May 18, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Benjamin Romualdez as Ambassador of the Philippines to the United States

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department that the appointment of Benjamin Romualdez as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Philippines to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Philippine Government.

Michael O. Wheeler Staff Secretary

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 13, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

DONALD GREGG

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Philippine Ambassador to the

United States

The Philippine Government is seeking agreement for a new Ambassador to Washington--Benjamin Romualdez. State recommends acceptance and I agree (Tab II).

Dick Childress concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

OK No

That you authorize Mike Wheeler to sign the memorandum at Tab I agreeing to the appointment.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for Wheeler Signature to State

Tab II State Memorandum dated 5/13/82

cc: Dick Childress

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520



May 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Appointment of Benjamin Romualdez of the Republic of the Philippines as Ambassador

to the United States.

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Benjamin Romualdez as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Philippines to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Mr. Romualdez is attached (Tab 1).

The Department believes from the information available that Romualdez is acceptable to the United States as Ambassador and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Philippine Government.

L. Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1. Biography.
- Note dated May 7, 1982 from Embassy of the Philippines.

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7 May 1982

Excellency:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government proposes to nominate Mr. Benjamin Romualdez as our next Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America.

Mr. Romualdez was born in Manila, Philippines, on 24 September 1930. He obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Lyceum of the Philippines in Manila. He was Special Envoy and Personal Representative of the President of the Philippines to the United States with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from 1966 to 1967. He was elected and served as Governor of the Province of Leyte from 1967 to 1976. He was also the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Philippines to the People's Republic of China from 1976 to 1977. He was elected Assemblyman from Region VIII of the Philippines in 1978. Since 1980, he has been the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Philippines to Saudi Arabia. He is married.

I would be grateful if you could inform this Embassy whether Mr. Romualdez is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government as Philippine Ambassador to the United States.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

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September 14, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

HENRY NAUURN

SUBJECT:

Marcos Visit

State just called to inform us that Marcos may raise the subject of Global Negotiations with the President. If he does, it is important that the President refer to the common text the Versailles heads of government supported at the UN in late June. Despite our other problems, France and the other Summit countries have stuck to the Versailles agreement to the letter.

I suggest the following talking points for the President ($\underline{\underline{\mathsf{if}}}$ raised).

- -- The U.S. has tried in every way possible to cooperate on this subject of Global Negotiations.
- -- As you know, the U.S. supported a common text, along with other Versailles Summit countries, at the UN discussions in June. This text was very forthcoming. It was rejected by the G-77.
- -- Further discussions would not seem to be useful. We should go on to the important work to be done at the GATT Ministerial and the UNGA.

Dick Childress concurs.

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TALKING POINTS -- MARCOS VISIT

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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April 23, 1982

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

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CHARLES P. TYSON

SUBJECT:

Request for Appointment with President for Mrs. Marcos

Mrs. Marcos requested a meeting with the President last year and for substantive reasons, the meeting was declined. This appears to be another shot.

It also seems to me that her "appearance" at the Smithsonian could be scheduled during the State Visit of President Marcos in September.

At any rate, Don Gregg's views should be considered.

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

RICHARD CHILDRESS

SUBJECT:

Request for Appointment with the President

S. Dillon Ripley of Smithsonian has written to Mike Deaver requesting a brief visit with the President by Imelda Marcos. The Smithsonian is planning to build a new center for African, Near Eastern and Asian art and Mrs. Marcos is apparently interested in making a significant contribution. Ripley feels that agreement to the visit will give the Museum the prestige it needs to extract her pledge.

Mrs. Marcos came to the US in early April to preside over Bloomingdale's trade promotions in New York and Tysons Corner, Virginia, She is also expected to give a talk at an energy seminar at the Knoxville Worlds Fair in May. Ripley indicates she may well be in Washington the week of May 17.

If the interest in meeting with the President is Mrs. Marcos' idea, it would be consistent with the foreign policy role she has played for a number of years, sometimes with the support of President Marcos, other times independently.

Even though relations were strained during the Carter years, she called on President Carter once and met with Vice President Mondale several times. She also met with President-elect Reagan in December 1980 in New York. She has extensively met with Cabinet members and the Hill in the past.

She might wish to discuss the use of Economic Support Funds, \$200 million of which our government is providing as part of the bases agreement. Her Ministry (Human Settlements) administers the funds and AID says they are being used reasonably. She might bring up the forthcoming Military Bases Agreement review, about which she knows nothing. Although she may wish to raise these subjects, it is probably without instructions from President Marcos.

It is more likely she would wish to tell the President what a great and good friend he has in her husband and how well protected US interests are by continued support for Marcos. She would likely express how much he is looking forward to his fall visit to discuss important matters of state.

CONFIDENTIAL Review on April 23, 1988

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There is no real merit in the visit to discuss matters of state, but in view of her previous access to the White House, and the importance of her input to the upcoming September visit of President Marcos, it would be useful for the President to see her for a very brief social call. Such a visit could pave the way for a successful President Marcos visit. It should touch only in general terms on the friendly relations between the two countries and an expression of pleasure at the forthcoming visit of President Marcos.

It would be best to have the visit in Washington as is suggested in the Ripley letter. If the Worlds Fair site is suggested for the meeting it should be discouraged as it could lead to a deluge of requests from other foreign dignitaries in attendance.

In sum, if the desire is present to help the Smithsonian, policy reasons also justify the acceptance of the call.

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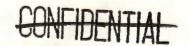
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cc: Chuck Tyson Don Gregg





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April 14, 1982

Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

In past years on occasions of real urgency, I have appealed to a President to help us out in the national interest. I feel that the present circumstance highlights the happy coincidence of our national interest and the interests of the Smithsonian.

As you know, we have been planning to build the Quadrangle -the new center for African, Near Eastern and Asian art -- next to
our "Castle." Half the funds for construction are in the President's
budget for fiscal year 1983, and the other half (some \$37.5 million)
we are committed to raise from private sources. We are anxious to
match the federal funds in the best spirit of voluntarism, and in
the tradition of the Smithsonian, and toward that end have by now
received cash and pledges totalling \$23 million from foreign governments (Japan, Korea, the Saudis) and individual Americans, domestic
corporations and foundations.

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S. Dillon Ripley Secretary

The view from the castle



At a new 'window on the Mall,' an adjunct to the Freer Gallery, a new Museum of African Art and a greater garden will cap our mandate

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For nearly 15 years the Freer Gallery, our jewel of Far Eastern and Islamic art, has been bulging at the seams of its cool, classical "villa" on the Mall. For five years the Museum of African Art, bequeathed to us by authorization of Congress in 1979, has been crowding some small row houses on Capitol Hill with its great collections from sub-Saharan Africa.

Now a magnificent new plan will solve the problems of both. The site lies to the south of our mother building, the castle, and abuts Independence Avenue; it is the back part of the original Smithsonian Reserve, deeded to us by Congress in 1846. In early years bear and bison roamed here before land for our National Zoo was acquired in 1889. Later the area housed laboratory sheds, greenhouses, a tennis court, a parking lot and even a Quonset hut (our first Air Museum).

Under the splendid new plan—the design concept of which has been approved by Washington, D.C., commissions and the authorization for planning approved by Congress—a full garden will be created on the site. Along the street it will be ornamented by gates designed for the Smithsonian castle by its architect, James Renwick jr., but never built. Most important, two pavilion structures will flank all this to display the history and culture of that vast arc of the world—Asia and Africa—that contains more than two-thirds of the world's population.

Here we will create museums, exhibits, educational and cultural-exchange facilities on three levels below ground. Here, too, will be the nerve center for the Smithsonian "outreach" programs, a multitude of activities reaching far beyond the Mall itself.

By creating such a "window on the Mall," the Smithsonian has a unique opportunity in these troubled times to reinvigorate its mandate "for the increase & diffusion of Knowledge among men." Nearly 140 nations will have a theater of action here to exhibit, to express their cultural histories and their creation of much of the roots of our own civilization. (They are friends, eager to make themselves known in our capital city; but we are still largely "innocents abroad," traveling much, and yet still full of misconceptions that these linked museums should help dispel.)

And how to finance this project, this plan to cap our mandate? We have determined to effect these buildings and garden by the same unique combination of private and public support that created the Smithsonian in the first place. Funds from abroad left by English philanthropist James Smithson founded the Institution. Funds from our government carry nearly two-thirds of the support today.

We will raise the money to match that of the government half and half. This country was founded at the grass level, by voluntarism, and in the best tradition we will seek help from within and without. Our total project cost, refined into anticipated 1985 dollars, is \$75 million, of which we will raise half, or \$37.5 million. We must have our half, pledged or in hand, by the spring of next year; with help from many sources, we are already a third of the way down the road. If anyone can achieve this enlightened goal—to create what can be a powerful force for understanding and for peace—the Smithsonian can, and must.

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Washington, D.C. 20415

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APR 29 1983

Mr. Godofredo Vanta 20-A Donor St. East Tapinac Olongapo City 2201 Philippines

Dear Mr. Vanta:

Your March 1983 letter to the President has been referred to this Office for consideration and reply.

The photocopy of your final Standard Form 50 (which you sent with your letter to President Reagan) clearly indicates in "Block 10" that you were not covered by the Civil Service Retirement System at the time of your retirement on Jan. 19, 1974. If you were covered, then your form would have had a number "1" in Block 10. Your form has a number "5" which means you were covered under another retirement system.

In this regard, from what we know of others with jobs such as you had at time of retirement, we would assume you were covered under a local social security system and are probably receiving a benefit from it.

With regard to your total service and your eligibility for a benefit from the Civil Service Retirement System based on it, we can advise you as follows:

- (a) regarding your service from March 9, 1951, to Jan. 18, 1974, you are not entitled to a Civil Service Retirement benefit for the reasons stated above;
- (b) regarding your service from Feb. 16, 1946 thru March 9, 1951, this service was made up of several distinct periods where you served each time for less than a year; such service was properly excluded from Civil Service Retirement coverage, and you are not entitled to any benefit under the Civil Service Retirement System based on it.
- (c) regarding your service prior to Feb. 16, 1946, we have no record

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of any such service for you. However, since you did indicate that you worked for the U. S. Government during that period and were paid under the Missing Persons Act, we intend to conduct an additional records search to see if we can locate any information pertaining to such service.

In this regard, if you have any documents in your possession relating to payments made to you under the Missing Persons Act or verifying service prior to Feb. 1946, please mail them to us at the following address:

Office of Personnel Management Retirement Claims Division Room 4466 1900 E. St., NW Washington, D. C. 20415

If you send us originals, we will make copies and return the originals to you.

You are entitled to request reconsideration of the decisions stated in paragraphs (a) and (b) above. The procedure for doing so, the address to write, and the time limits involved are all outlined on the attached sheet.

We will not make a decision on item (c) above until we obtain the results of our record search and combine it with whatever additional information you can send in. Once we have made a decision, we will notify you.

Sincerely,

Roland Arrington, Chief Retirement Claims Division

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Dear Mr. Vanta:

Your Civil Service Retirement application has been denied.

We made a thorough search of your service history from all available records and we have concluded that you are not entitled to any retirement benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System.

The Civil Service Retirement law may not be construed to provide benefits except in cases where a qualified employee is covered under its provisions. Since the law was amended by the Act of January 24, 1942, coverage has been extended to all employees of the United States and the District of Columbia Governments except those specifically excluded by the law. Entitlement to employees annuity requires, among other things, completion of five years of service ending in a separation from a position subject to the Civil Service Retirement System, that is, a civilian position not excluded from coverage.

Although you claim 25 years of Federal service, your service record from 02-16-46 to 04-01-46, 06-09-47 to 06-20-49, and 09-26-49 to 06-26-50 would not give you title, because it was less than five years, the minimum requirement for an annuity. Your subsequent service 10-23-50 to 10-30-50, and 03-09-51 to 01-18-74, although it is in excess of 5 years, this service was not subject to the Civil Service Retirement System, therefore, you have no title to any benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System.

For other monetary benefits, perhaps you should contact your local Social Security System regarding possible benefits you may be entitled to under their system.

If you believe that the action taken on your application is not proper, you may request reconsideration of our finding. The request must be filed within 30 days of the date of this decision, and should show your name, and address, the claim number shown above, and the reasons for the request. It should be addressed to:

Office of Personnel Management Retirement and Insurance Programs Washington, D.C. 20044

Sincerely yours,

For Chief of Section Special Inquiry Section Retirement Claims Division

UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE PROGRAMS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20415

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The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has published regulations which prescribe the following procedures for an individual to request reconsideration of an initial decision made by the Retirement and Insurance Programs administered by OPM in any case where the decision:

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- 2. denies you regular or optional life insurance coverage under the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program (5 C.F.R., Parts 870 and 871);
- refuses your request to enroll or change enrollment in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (5 C.F.R., Parts 890 and 891); or
- 4. refuses your request to permit coverage of someone as a family member under the Federal Employees Group Health Insurance Program (5 C.F.R., Parts 890 and 891).

An initial decision subject to reconsideration must be in writing and given to you by an office of the Retirement and Insurance Programs, OPM.

A request for reconsideration must be made in writing, and include your name, address, date of birth, claim number (if appropriate), name of the plan you are enrolled in (if appropriate), and the reasons for the request.

Your request must be filed with OPM within 30 days of the date of the initial decision. The time limit may be extended, however, if you can show that you were not aware of the time limit, were not notified of it, or were prevented from writing due to cause beyond your control. Send your request for reconsideration to:

Office of Personnel Management Retirement and Insurance Programs Post Office Box 300 Washington, D.C. 20044

Please note that these instructions do not apply to reconsideration of a decision to collect erroneously overpaid annuity. OPM will give you separate specific instructions and information whenever such a decision is made.

Please also note that these instructions do not apply to a request for reconsideration of a claim denied by your health insurance carrier. All such requests should be sent to the address shown in your plan brochure.

After reconsideration, OPM will send you a final decision in writing. Copies of this decision will be sent to any competing claimants or your employing office, if applicable.

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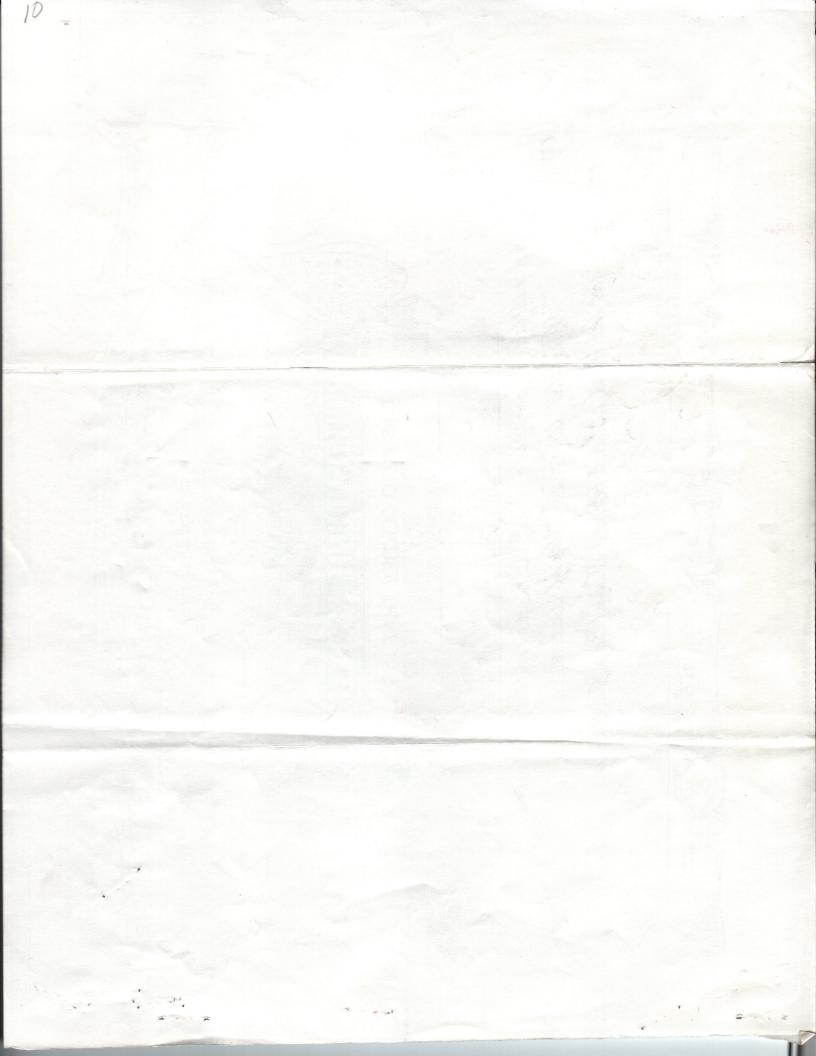
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Set wow at Sound to Jackin Holl June 8, 1983 and have someone for NSC Talk u/her Dear Mrs. Chennault: This is with reference to your letter of May 24 to Mike Deaver. Regrets have been sent to the formal invitation which the President and the First Lady received to attend the wedding of Miss Irene Marcos, and no plans were made to send an official delegation to Manila for this occasion. Thank you, too, for bringing to our attention the desire of the Asia Pacific Council of American Chambers to meet with the President when they visit Washington, June 12-17 for their Annual Door-Knock Session. Unfortunately, the President's busy schedule will not allow him to talk with this group; but members of the NSC staff would be happy to meet with their representatives should you feel it worthwhile. With our best wishes, Sincerely, She appointment of 347-0517 FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. Director, Presidential Appointments and Scheduling Mrs. Anna Chennault Investment Building 1511 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 inf copy to Mike Deaver inf copy to NSC (file #33848) FJR: MHR: kdr--B20

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I thought you might be interested in this toast offered by General Romulo to you and Mrs. Reagan on the occasion of our July 4th reception yesterday. The General was himself moved to tears as he recited the lyrics to America the Beautiful. He and all other Filipinos I encountered yesterday were most grateful for your thoughtful message which all Manila television stations carried throughout Philippine-American Friendship Day.

Bonny and I look forward eagerly to the possibility of your visit here in November.

Warm regards,

Michael H. Armacost

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Ambassador

Attachment:

General Romulo's Toast

FOREIGN MINISTER CARLOS P. ROMULO'S FOURTH OF JULY TOAST

Today is Philippine-American Friendship Day. Our people made it coincide with America's Independence Day. This year's celebration is redolent with a new meaning and grateful remembrance. For in my long years of experience as Minister of Foreign Affairs, viewing the distant past, from the vantage point of today, even in the halcyon days of Manuel L. Quezon and Woodrow Wilson, the present Philippine-American relations are at their highest peak -- thanks to the leadership of Ronald Reagan and Ferdinand E. Marcos.

We celebrate the Independence Day of the United States of America. As the life of nations grow, the United States is young. Born out of revolution, it developed with inexorable speed into the great country that it is today, supreme in economic resources, in technology, in material and spiritual power. The American Revolution is the key revolution in modern history, not because a mere handful of states acting on sheer courage defeated what was the greatest power of the time. It is the most important revolution because the glowing ideals which inspired it reverberated around the world. America started the era of decolonization, and principles and goals of the newly independent countries, whether stated or tacit, were patterned after those of America's founding fathers. All honor to them.

The power of the United States derives not from its huge arsenal of weapons but from its undiminished dedication to peace and to welfare of all men.

As we celebrate America's Fourth of July, I recall the moving scene when three days after our Leyte landing, as General Douglas MacArthur entered the school ground of Tacloban, a handful of school children led by their teacher sang the familiar words of "America, the Beautiful" which they had not forgotten after more than three years of oppressive enemy occupation.

Let us drink a toast to the leader of a great nation, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States. May his hand be firm on the tiller to continue guiding the American ship of state toward a world peace which guarantees freedom for all, and dignity for mankind. May I also ask you to drink a toast to Nancy Reagan, who is the embodiment in the White House, of American woman's wifely virtues and devotion providing strength and inspiration to her husband, whose leadership we acknowledge with admiration and respect.