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THE PRESIDENT

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 31, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:

ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT:

Letter to the President regarding Human Rights

in the Philippines

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed State reply at Tab A which refers to their previous letter reply at Tab B. It is forwarded to you for dispatch.

#### Attachments

Tab A Proposed State Reply

Tab B State Letter to Chase, dated 7/28/83,

with Incoming Material

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#### DRAFT REPLY

Dear Ms. Chase:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Reagan concerning the human rights situation in the Philippines.

We understand that you have addressed a similar inquiry to the office of Philippine Affairs in the State Department, and I believe their reply to you dated July 28 accurately expresses the Administration's viewpoint.

We share your concern in this matter, and appreciate receiving your views.

Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara H. Chase

124 Hermosa, S.E.

Albuquerque, NM

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 31, 1983

#### ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

FROM:

DICK CHILDRESS

SUBJECT:

Letter to President regarding Human Rights

in the Philippines

Barbara Chase of the New Mexico Conference of Churches wrote letters to both the President and the State Department expressing her concern over the human rights situation in the Philippines.

The State reply at Tab B adequately addresses the problem and the State proposed draft for us refers to their reply (Tab A).

Gastow Sigur and Walt Raymond concur.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to Kelley.

Approve

Disapprove

#### Attachments

Tab I

Memorandum for Your Signature

A Proposed State Reply

B State Letter to Chase, dated 7/28/83, with Incoming Material

cc: Gaston Sigur Walt Raymond UNCLASSIFIED

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Date August 29, 1983

For: Mr. William P. Clark

National Security Council

The White House

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XXX	A draft reply is attached.
	A draft reply will be forwarded.
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	We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
	The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
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July 28, 1983

Ms. Barbara H. Chase 124 Hermosa, S.E. Albuquerque, NM 87108

Dear Ms. Chase:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your concerns about human rights abuses in the Philippines.

We fully recognize that human rights abuses are still a problem in the Philippines, and, for that matter, so does the Philippine Government. Abuses are most prevalent in the insurgency areas, where the Philippine government is attempting to control a growing communist rebellion, which itself results in abuses. The ending of martial law in 1981 brought some improvements in the civil liberties situation, but progress has been uneven. Contact with opposition political groups, human rights and church groups, as well as the Philippine government enables us to pay close attention to domestic political developments and to monitor and express our views on the human rights situation with a wide range of people within Philippine society. We do ask the Philippine Government to investigate reports of human rights abuses. We believe that a policy of quiet dialogue with the Philippine Government provides the best means for achieving progress in this area.

There is no evidence that U.S. aid to the Philippines results in human rights abuses. Substantially more than one half of U.S. aid for the Philippines is in the form of economic assistance. Some of it is used to improve social and economic conditions of the areas adjacent to the U.S. bases while most is used nationwide in support of Philippine economic development priorities. In the past, aid has been used for school construction, public works, and infrastructure projects, such as farm-to-market roads, public markets, water and sewage systems and power generation plants.

The military assistance we provide enables the Philippine military to begin to address its modernization efforts, which, in recent years, have been affected adversely by government budget constraints. Only 2.1% of the Philippine GNP goes to defense, which is the lowest percentage of all the countries of Southeast Asian Nations. The United States has an interest in enhancing the capability of the Philippine military forces to help defend their country from external attack. The Philippines is a treaty ally which provides us valuable military bases that have served to keep the peace in East Asia for many years.

Through successive administrations in Washington and Manila, the United States has been a friend and ally of the Filipino people and of the Government of the Philippines. We expect to continue this close relationship in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Ulrich A. Straus Director, Philippine Affairs

#### THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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AUGUST 18, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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LETTER, DATED JULY 19, 1983

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MS. BARBARA H. CHASE

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES

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SUBJECT: SUPPRESSION AND VIOLENCE IN PHILIPPINES

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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## new mexico conference of churches

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July 19, 1983

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THE SALVATION ARMY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Regional Divisions

ALBUQUERQUE FARMINGTON CLOVIS The President Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express continuing dismay and sadness that our government continues to support the repression and violence in the Philippines. Having worked in Southeast Asia for ten years and been related to the area as a staff member of the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church for another ten, I see continuing devestation of the Philippines and her people.

I am GREATLY concerned about the political killings of civilians by the Philippine military and the disappearance of persons who are later found dead. Does our country affirm the continuing arbitary arrests and illegal detention of persons working for human rights and justice? Do we condone the harrassment and detention of church workers who are committed to the ideals of their country which speak for democracy, freedom of speech and freedom of expression of their faith?

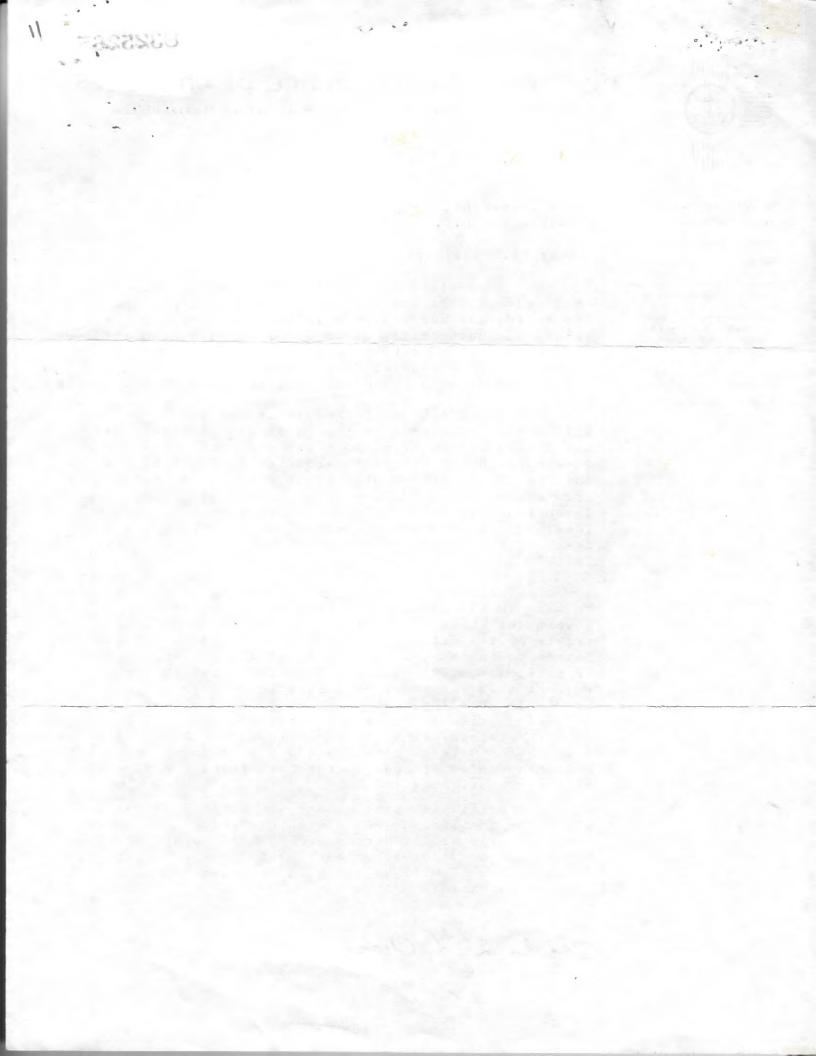
I strongly urge you to use your good office to withold all forms of assistance to the Marcos government while he continues to violate the human rights of the Filipino people; I ask that you request Marcos to investigate the killings and disappearances of civilians and to punish the guilty parties; and I request that you exert what prestige and power the U.S. has in the Philippines (which is great) to have political prisoners released since they have been unjustly detained. I know from friends in the Philippines that church workers have started a fast in the Davao Detainee Center because of the tortures and mistreatment of those enprisoned.

The Filipino people have had faith that the U.S. stood for justice and non-violence...for peace, but our continual support of Marcos and the military there is beginning to wonder about our stand for human rights and justice. I will be thankful for whatever you can do in this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Chose

Barbara H. Chase



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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.

#### RECOMMENDATION

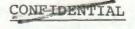
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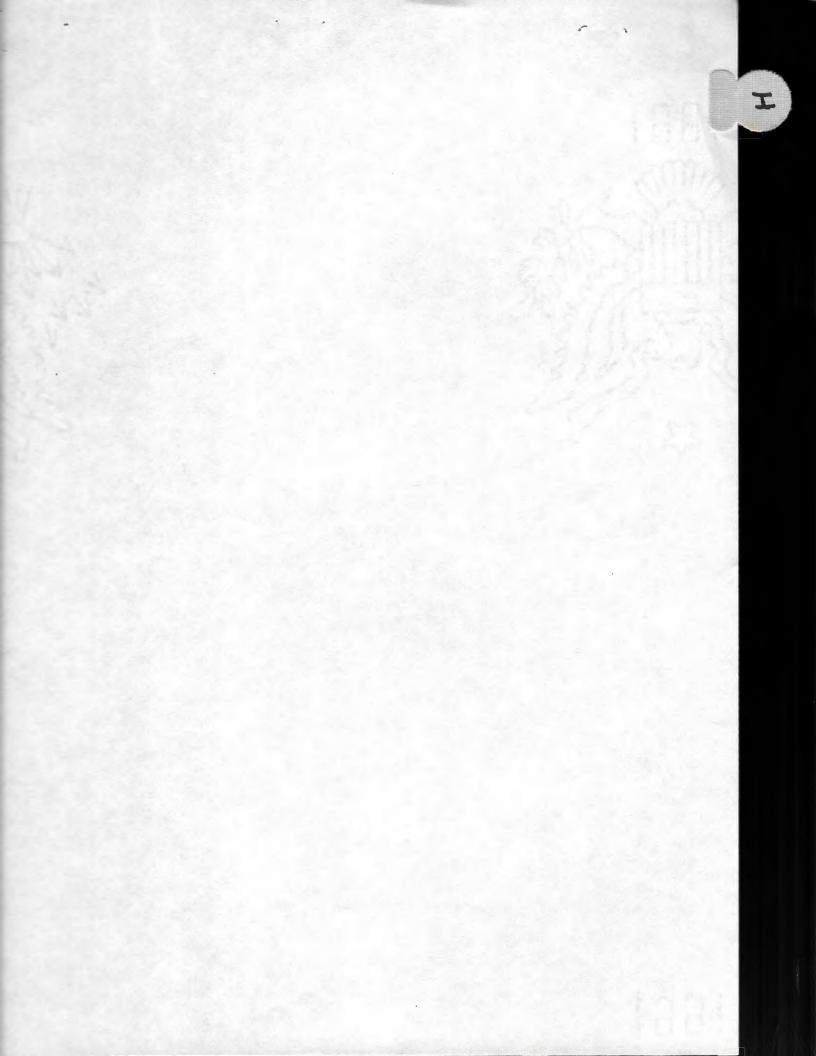
#### Attachment

Tab I Ripley's letter dated 4/14/82

cc: Chuck Tyson Don Gregg









SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION Washington, D.C. 20560 U.S.A.

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#### PERSONAL

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.

I understand that Mrs. Ferdinand Marcos may well be coming to town the week preceeding the May 23 opening of the Knoxville World's Fair, and we know that she is interested in making a significant contribution to the Quadrangle. If we could arrange for her to have just a minute or two with the President, who presumably would want to converse with her briefly about Cap Weinberger's and the Vice President's trips, it might well give us the prestige we need to extract her Quadrangle pledge. Of course, we would look to you for guidance regarding any publicity.

Best.

S. Dillon Ripley Secretary

# The view from the castle



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

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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April 23, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

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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Dear Senator Kennedy:

On behalf of the President, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your August 25 letter, stating your concerns and recommendations for addressing the recent assassination of Benigno Aquino.

Your concerns are appreciated; and your letter is now being shared with the President's foreign policy advisers for further review and response. I assure you that your comments will receive close attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein Assistant to the President

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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#### United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 25, 1983

165618

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The assassination of Benigno Aquino is a tragic setback for the people of the Philippines, and for the cause of democracy and justice around the globe. Senator Aquino was a lifelong champion of human rights and a dedicated foe of communism. From personal experience he knew the pain of liberty denied. He also knew that America's singular contribution to the Philippines was the legacy of democratic ideals which it bestowed on that island nation. In life and in death Benigno Aquino strengthened and deepened the historic bond between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines.

The people of the Philippines and others throughout the world who cherish democracy are now looking to this nation to exercise its moral authority. The United States has an obligation to support the struggle for human rights and freedom which Benigno Aquino supported and ultimately died for.

The announcement of your intention to visit Manila was made before the brutal event of August 21. It is now unthinkable for an American President to visit the Philippines until the perpetrators of this crime against humanity are brought to justice. To lend your moral and political support to the Marcos Government at this critical time will be interpreted as a sign that America is indifferent to the assassination and condones the violation of human rights in the Philippines.

I also believe that the United States should delay action on all aid and support for the Philippines until the Marcos government has conducted a full, satisfactory, and impartial investigation of the Aquino assassination and reported its findings to the United States Government. I will urge my colleagues in Congress to support this position, and I intend to take action toward this end when Congress reconvenes in September.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Kennedy

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Andrew Ferretti along with a copy of an article by the former Ambassador to the Philippines and Iran, William H. Sullivan.

Through his endorsement of the Ambassador's article, Mr. Ferretti makes some trenchant comments on the situation in the Philippines and the appropriate U.S. response. I commend his letter and the Ambassador's article to you.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Bill Emerson

Member of Congress

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# ANDREW N. FERRETTI 245 HighField Lane NUTLEY, NEW JERSEY

October 7, 1983

Dear Bill:

We who are involved in international trade are for obvious reasons more alert to international problems; we are directly affected and as a result react sooner to problems outside our borders.

The political problems of the Philippines can become more of a burden on the U.S.A. than we realize, unless we stop to think about it.

An article written by William H. Sullivan, who was Ambassador to both the Philippines and Iran, brings to the surface very vividly the need for action by the U.S.A. as the world leader.

It was my privilege in 1973 to exchange some views with Mr. Sullivan while I was on a Trade Mission to the Far East. He knows the people and the problems. He has excellent judgment and has experienced the calms and turmoils of both the Philippines and Iran. You may recall that Mr. Sullivan was the Ambassador to Iran during the recent crisis.

The attached article which appeared in the New York Times of October 3rd points up very graphically the need for immediate action. I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Sullivan's views.

I pass this on to you in an effort to help influence you so that you might in turn influence our President, because what Mr. Sullivan says makes sense.

Sincerely

ANF/cc

Enc. Copy of article

Hon. William Emerson
U.S. House of Representatives
Common Building - Room 418
Washington, D.C.

# Applying to Manila The Lesson of Teheran

#### By William H. Sullivan

As former Ambassador to both the Philippines and Iran, I am struck by the parallels between the American dilemma in Manila today and our problems in Teheran in 1978. We must not miss the opportunity in the Philippines, as we did in Iran, to assist in the emergence of a new, democratic government.

There are sharp differences as well as parallels. Our roots in Iran were very shallow. They were established only after World War II and linked us with virtually no one but the Shah and his armed forces. In the Philippines, by contrast, we have had long and intimate associations. We governed the Philippines from the beginning of the century until the end of World War II - and, in the eyes of many Filipinos, we still have an obligation to protect its independence and democracy.

A second major difference concerns our strategic relations. Under the Nixon Doctrine, we depended on Iranian armed forces to preserve order in the Persian Gulf. By contrast, the Philippine forces have no regional strategic significance. Instead, we use two Philippine military bases to project our own forces in the Western Pacific and beyond. Their contribution to the hard-won equilibrium in East Asia is of importance not only to the United States, but also to China, Japan and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

But these differences do nothing to change the dangerous similarity our ties in each case to an authoritarian leader without a popular base of support. When President Ferdinand E. Marcos instituted martial law in 1972, he had broad political support, especially among middle-class people who were worried about radical student groups and others with no commitment to democracy. That middle-class support has obviously eroded, partly because Mr. Marcos has stayed too long in office, partly because economic and political conditions have not improved and partly because of the cavalier way that Mr. Marcos's cronies have exploited the business community. As in Iran, the middle class is now in the streets, calling for Mr. Marcos to resign and our alliance is perceived as a prop for his regime.

In this case, too, we are dealing

with an ill man. Like the Shah, Mr. William H. Sullivan was United

States Ambassador to the Philippines from 1973 to 1977 and then Ambassador to Iran until 1979. This article is adapted from a longer essay written for the Pacific News Service.

Marcos is taking medication that may have altered his judgment - and is being pushed by the people around him to move in an extremist direc-

What can the United States do in these circumstances?

President Reagan should use his scheduled visit to Manila as an opportunity for constructive interven-

He must be careful, above all, to avoid the mistake that President Carter made in Iran - his continued embrace of the Shah, even after it was clear that the Shah's regime was doomed. The Reagan Administration must face the fact that Mr. Marcos has run out his political string. Our national interests and our obligation to the Filipino people require us to protect them from civil war, and the Administration must take action, however messy, to assist a peaceful and democratic transition in Philippine politics. Only we can lead such a transition, but we will have the overwhelming majority of Filipinos as our allies if we act quickly, wisely and decisively.

President Reagan should not cancel his trip - unless, of course, he is compelled to do so by safety considerations or by revelations that directly link President Marcos to the assassination of the opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino. We must not simply wash our hands of Mr. Marcos. That would give a signal to the most radical anti-democratic and anti-American Filipinos that we are prepared to see a violent revolution, one that Mr. Marcos would fight tooth and nail. The result would be the polarization of Filipino politics - and, probably, the emergence of a Filipino

Nor must we encourage President Marcos to hang tough - for, in that case too, polarization, violence and chaos would be the predictable result.

A hard-headed political colleague of President Reagan should be sent to the Philippines immediately to put together a formula for political transition. We must find a compromise that would be acceptable to the Marcos Government and the leaders of the democratic opposition, one that could be endorsed by such respected figures as Jaime Cardinal Sin, Archbishop of Manila. Such a formula is not inconceivable. Cardinal Sin himself has proposed one that involves a return to the Constitution of 1935, with open and free elections internationally observed. We must not assume that Mr. Marcos would reject such an arrangement. We owe it to ourselves and the Filipinos to work one out.

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### United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 17, 1983

Mr. Norberto Galange 136 Bel Mar Avenue Daly City, CA 94015

Dear Mr. Galange:

Your recent mailgram to President Reagan concerning the situation in the Philippines was forwarded to our office for review.

I appreciate your taking the time to give us your views.

Sincerely,

Ulrich A. Straus Director, Philippine Affairs

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November 16, 1983

Dear Mr. Brizuela:

Thank you for your recent letter indicating that you would like to arrange a meeting between the President and Mrs. Cory Aquino.

Although the President is most appreciative of your interest in writing, unfortunately it will not be possible to schedule such a meeting in view of the very heavy demands on his calendar.

With the best wishes of the President,

Sincerely,

PREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. Director, Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Noy Brizuela Suite 631 2975 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90010

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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR

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ROBERT M. KIMMITT BOY FROM:

SUBJECT: Request for Meeting with Mrs. Aquino

At this particular juncture, we do not recommend such a meeting be scheduled. In addition, it is clear from the letter that Mrs. Aquino has not requested such a meeting. The President's schedule probably precludes it at any rate.

Attachment

Tab A Incoming Material

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

November 2, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

FROM:

DICK CHILDRESS

SUBJECT: Request for Meeting with Mrs. Aquino

Recommend you forward the memorandum at Tab I to Fred Ryan.

Gaston augur concurs.

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Tab I Memorandum for Signature to F. Ryan A Incoming Material

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### CONFIDENTIAL STAFF

Noy Brizuela Executive Assistant to Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr.

Los Angeles, C.A.

(213) 487-1120

Mr. Frederick J. Ryan Office of the President Room 188, Oval Office White House, Washington DC

Dear Mr. Ryan,

May I introduce myself, my name is Noy Brizuela, executive assistant to the Late Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. from the Philippines, who was assassinated in his arrival at the Manila International Airport.

I spoke with Mrs. Cory Aquino, wife of the senator and she said she will be coming to Boston sometime first week of November to attend a memorial celebration in honor of her late husband, which will be jointly hosted by MIT and Harvard University.

My purpose in writing you this letter is to throw the idea of perhaps His Excelensy the President might give her a very very private audience wherein it will not be known to the people of the Philippine Embassy there in Washington. We understand the delicasy of this matter, however we must understand also that somehow the administration must show some sort of a signal to the opposing side, of which Mrs. Cory Aquino represents. A direct dialogue perhaps is a must.

I must therefore oblidge you to consider this idea, and I will try to secretly convince her to speak to the President. I will cooperate fully to whoever will take care of the mechanics-I can be contacted at Tel. (213) 4871120 anytime. My exact address is 2975 Wilshire Boulevard suite 631, Los Angeles, California.

The sooner you advise me the better.

Sincerely.

Noy Brizuela