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s/s 8338882

Date December 30, 1983

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane National Security Council

The White House

WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

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Date:	November 28, 1983 Subject: US-Philippine Relations
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Charles Hill

Executive Secretary

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December 29, 1983

Ms. Nancy Oestreich Lurie President American Anthropological Association 1703 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Ms. Lurie:

Your letters to the President of the United States and to Secretary of State George P. Shultz, dated November 28, 1983, have been referred to this office for reply. In your letters, you brought to our attention the text of a recent motion adopted by the American Anthropological Association, relating to the treatment of tribal minorities in the Philippines.

The Association refers to development projects necessitating the displacement of indigenous peoples. This office is aware of no projects of this nature under way at the present time. One such project which became the subject of substantial public controversy involved the construction from Philippine funds of a series of dams in the Chico River valley of northern Luzon. Several years ago, after ascertaining the strong opposition of the local population to being moved off their tribal lands, the Philippine Government suspended further construction indefinitely.

The Administration fully recognizes that human rights abuses are a problem in the Philippines, and pays close attention to the human rights situation there. The Department of State periodically requests the Philippine Government to investigate reports of human rights abuses. A complete review of the subject is contained in the annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, which is submitted to the Congress. The report on 1983 activities is currently under preparation. Although there are reports of individual cases of military abuse, sometimes involving members of tribal minorities, such reports usually emanate from areas of the country affected by armed insurgency against the government. There is no evidence of a systematic pattern of repression directed against minority groups.

With regard to U.S. aid to the Philippines, most of this aid is used for projects directly benefiting the Filipino people such as school construction, public works, farm-to-market roads, public markets, water and sewage systems and power generation plants. The military aid we provide enables the Philippine armed forces, which are relatively small and ill-equipped, to pursue their modernization program.

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

#### REFERRAL

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PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MISS NANCH OESTREICH LURIE

PRESIDENT

AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOC. 1703 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, NW

WASHINGTON DC 20009

SUBJECT: FORWARDS MOTION ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REGARDING

THE PHILIPPINES

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AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

28 November 1983

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

The American Anthropological Association, which has consistently and repeatedly opposed the oppression of indigenous peoples throughout the world, has called for the cessation of development projects requiring the forced relocation of tribal minorities in the Philippines, and the termination of J.S. military and economic aid to the government of the Philippines.

The following motion was adopted at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Association in Chicago, November 18, 1983:

Be it moved that the American Anthropological Association call for the immediate cessation of ... development projects supported by the Marcos regime requiring the displacement of indigenous peoples, for the immediate cessation of military and other political repression of tribal minorities by the Marcos regime; and furthermore that the Association call upon the United States government to immediately cut off all military and economic aid to the Marcos regime, since the regime is responsible for violent suppression of human rights.

The motion represents the sense of the assembled members of the Association. We respectfully and urgently commend this action to your attention.

Yours respectfully,

Nancy Oestreich Lurie

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President

### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECIEVED: JANUARY 24, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JIM ABDNOR

SUBJECT WRITES ON BEHALF OF MR. FRANCIS DOOM REQUESTS
A PRESIDENTIAL LETTER FOR THE ROTARY GROUP
STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE PHILIPPINES

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January 25, 1984

Dear Senator Abdnor:

Thank you for your January 23 letter requesting that Mr. Francis Doom be permitted to carry a special message from the President to the Philippine District Governor and the Philippine Rotarians in recognition of their Rotary Group Study Exchange Program.

Your interest is appreciated. I regret, however, that we are unable to comply with this request, as official messages to foreign dignitaries or heads of states from the United States Government can only be transmitted by the President or Secretary of State.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable James Abdnor United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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VERNON C. LOEN
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 23, 1984

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TRADE, PRODUCTIVITY, ECON. GROWTH

The Honorable M. B. Oglesby Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear B:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed to the President by Mr. Francis Doom, Wagner, South Dakota, requesting a letter from the President in connection with a Rotary Group Study Exchange Program with the Philippines.

As the team from the United States is to depart for the Philippines on February 15, 1984, I trust the requested letter may be forwarded to Mr. Doom in the very near future.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

JAMES ABDNOR United States Senator

JA/gf Enclosure President Ronald Reagan 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am a member of Rotary International with membership of 24 years in the club of Wagner, South Dakota. Each year Rotary International, through the Rotary Foundation, sends Group Study Teams to foreign countries as a learning experience and cultural exchange. I am most pleased and very proud to have been selected by the District Group Study Exchange Committee to represent our Rotary District — which includes clubs from South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska — as Team Leader of a group of five young business and professional men to tour the Philippines for seven weeks.

The team, including myself and five non-Rotarian young men, will be guests of about 15 Philippine host families. While there we will be making presentations to approximately 80 Rotary Clubs at which time we have the opportunity to tell the "Mid-West-America" Story to friends in Rotary that we had not previously met.

At the climax of our tour, our Team and I will be addressing their District Conference in Bacolod City — a gathering of more than 2,500 Rotarians and their RotaryAnns. At that same conference, in a gymnasium in Bacolod City, it will be my great pleasure to, as personal representative of our District Governor, formally present to them a gift of 15,000 school books — collected, sorted, cleaned, indexed, labeled, packaged, pallatized, and shipped to the Rotary Club of Bacolod and their lotary District from our Rotary District 561. This gift, while representing a value of perhaps less than \$50,000.00, represents thousands and thousands of hours of Rotarian time dedicated to world community service. These books, mostly for use by primary grades, will be used by their people in communities where their access to text books is limited if not non-existant.

Mr. President, it would enhance our trip greatly if I could carry with me a letter from you to read and give to the Philippine District Covernor and to the Philippine Rotarians — a letter perhaps expressing your best wishes for the success of the Rotary Group Study Exchange Program and its objectives and perhaps also an expression of appreciation for the warmth and understanding of their people in hosting our team.

I have contacted Senator James Abdnor and asked that he obtain for me from the State Department, our Foreign Policy toward the Philippines so that I or any of our Team say nothing contrary to our policy toward them. I feel we all will be ambassadors of the United States as well as of Rotary District 561 and we will certainly act accordingly.

We will be departing on our trip on February 15, 1984. Should you decide to send such a letter with us, your immediate attention will be needed.

Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter. You have my continued support in your efforts to make our Country the best place in the world to live. Good luck and God be with you.

Very truly yours,

Francis Doom Box 667 Wagner, South Dakota 57380

Enclosed: Objectives of Rotary Group Study Exchange Program

Copy



# The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International



# Application for Group Study Exchange Award

### **Objectives**

The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange is an educational program designed to:

- a. provide to outstanding young business and professional men opportunities for studying another country, its people and institutions through participation in an organized program of study and discussion in the country concerned;
- b. further international understanding by allowing men of good will to meet, talk and live with each other in a spirit of fellowship so that they may get to know each other's problems and aspirations, and to permit such personal contacts to ripen into lasting friendships:
- c. involve Rotarians in a specific, practical and meaningful international service project by organizing educational programs and providing hospitality for study teams.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. In making application for a Group Study Exchange award, a district agrees to accept the following conditions and obligations:
  - a. To appoint a Group Study Exchange subcommittee of the district Rotary Foundation committee, composed of at least three Rotarians, with provision for continuity of membership from year to year.
  - b. To select and instruct a team of five young business and professional men, plus a district governor's representative, to be sent to the paired district for a study program of not less than four weeks nor more than six weeks.
  - c. To receive a similar team from the paired district for a comparable period of time and to be responsible for providing their meals, lodging and transportation while in the district.
  - d. To submit with this application a basic study plan which outlines the program that will be provided the visiting study team. The plan must be in sufficient detail to demonstrate that the district fully understands the serious educational purpose of the Group Study Exchange program and is prepared to provide the visiting team with ample opportunity to gain an accurate picture of the country, its people and their way of life.
  - e. To submit, on schedule, the various reports required by The Rotary Foundation.

2. The Rotary Foundation pays only the cost of round-trip transportation of each team, not to exceed economy class jet air fare, between the point of departure in the sending district and the point of arrival in the receiving district. All other expenses are borne by the participating Rotarians and team members.

3. Prior to submission of an application, two thirds of the Rotary clubs of the district must, by resolution at the district conference or district assembly or through ballot-by-mail, indicate their approval and support of the application and agree to serve as hosts to a visiting team if called upon to do so.

- 4. In making awards, the trustees of The Rotary Foundation reserve the right to determine how districts will be paired and which shall serve first as hosts. Preferences expressed by the districts in their applications will be given every consideration.
- 5. A Group Study Exchange team member must not be a Rotarian, the dependent of a Rotarian, the child, stepchild, grandchild, or brother of a Rotarian or a spouse thereof.
- 6. This is an exchange between paired districts. Districts selected to participate must both send and receive teams.

APPLICATION DEADLINES. After carefully noting the conditions of award, the application should be filled out and mailed, along with two copies of the district's basic plan, to The Rotary Foundation, 1600 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, U.S.A. Applications for 1979-81 awards must be received by 1 April, 1979.

BASIC PLAN. To assist districts in their preparation of the basic study plan, there are outlined below those elements which are to be covered in detail in every study program. Those preparing basic plans should contact as many Rotary clubs as possible so that the basic plan reveals to as great a degree as possible the activities clubs in its district will be prepared to offer a visiting study team.

If a visit by the study team to other nearby districts appears advisable, the district governors concerned should be contacted promptly to assure that their agreement to assist in hosting a team is obtained before the district application is sent to The Rotary Foundation.

The Group Study Exchange is an educational program. Facilities and opportunities must be provided for meaningful, in-depth instruction and discussion on as many aspects as possible of the institutions of the host district and country. The program should call on many persons in a variety of fields--non-Rotarians as well as Rotarians--to provide such instruction and to engage in a mutual exchange of information with the team members. It is particularly important that opportunities be provided for contacts and discussions with young people in each field, and for the reciprocal imparting by members of the group study team of information about their homelands.

At least one week should be set aside during which arrangements have been made in advance by the host district for the team members to meet, for the most part individually, with representatives of their own businesses and professions in order to study techniques, conditions, and levels of development in their respective fields and in order to engage in a mutual exchange of information and ideas.

Basic study plans should also reflect an awareness that to obtain a good environment for understanding, leisure time needs to be provided for the hosts and visitors to get to know each other. Small, at-home gatherings should be scheduled frequently and provision should be made for team members to live as much as possible in homes rather than in public accommodations. The following are elements of successful Group Study Exchange programs:

**MEMORANDUM** 

JV

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

9418

December 29, 1983 70

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT: Nov 9 & Letter to the President from William H. Quashar
The letter at The

The letter at Tab A was handed to me at State yesterday. It was turned over by Quasha to a State official during the President's trip to Japan and was embarrassingly lost in an in-box.

I do not recommend a written reply, but an introductory phone call from myself in response to his last paragraph.

Gaston Sigur concurs.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That I call Quasha, introduce myself and solicit his views, as appropriate.

Approve RMK

Disapprove \_\_\_\_

Attachment

Tab A Quasha 11/9/83 Letter to the President

cc: Gaston Sigur

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WAYNE G. QUASHA AT WASHINGTON DC & STATE OF VIRGINIA

9 November 1983

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OF COUNSEL: WILLIAM H. QUASHA WAYNE G. QUASHA His Excellency Ronald Reagan President United States of America

Dear Mr. President:

I am most grateful for your invitation to meet you in Tokyo. You have been a magnificent President, and every American should be proud of you. You can count on the 100% support of the Republicans Abroad in the Philippines. I hope I will not be considered presumptuous if I express some of my views to you; I feel I would be remiss if I did not do so.

My primary concern is your re-election. It is my view that a number of steps can be taken which will enhance success. One of the biggest factors will be the state of the United States economy. Although you have accomplished a great deal in reducing interest rates, one recognizes that they are still inordinately high. Farmers are losing their farms, the housing industry is not taking off as it should, and Third World countries are staggering under the high cost of debt service.

High interest rates are primarily responsible for the strength of the U.S. dollar versus the Japanese Yen, the German Mark and other currencies; thus many American products are placed in a disadvantageous position in international markets, contributing to America's burgeoning balance of payments deficit. This tends to depress production in the United States and to limit employment of labor. It also tends to depress the price of commodities which countries such as the Philippines export, placing their economies in jeopardy which in turn is creating security problems which our enemies are exploiting.

I am fully aware of the complex problems involved in reducing interest rates, but I believe that through your leadership and determination, that objective can be

accomplished. A substantial reduction in interest rates, in my view, will do more to ensure your re-election than any other single step one could take.

The second point I feel which is extremely important is the condition of the Philippines, which is undergoing a devastating financial crisis, the manifestations of which have not yet, but will soon, become obvious. There will be massive unemployment and hunger in the Philippines. This economic crunch will damage the country which is near and dear to us and which is essential to American security in the Pacific.

Mr. Marcos has been maligned by the U.S. press. He is our true friend and ally. The recent resolution of the House of Representatives attacking the Philippines was highly improper; to us Americans living in the Philippines the resolution was an amazing display of arrogance and was in bad taste.

The oppositionists in this country are intent on closing the American bases here and in imposing intolerable restrictions on multi-national companies. America has a very great investment in this country and we stand a good chance of losing a strategic position which we have long had if we allow Mr. Marcos' government to be destabilized. I urge that all possible help be extended to the Philippines as soon as possible.

I have been in the Philippines nearly 40 years counting my army time, and I have been practising law here since May of 1946. I have seen the country in bad times and in good times, but I sense that the present crisis has the potential for dangerous fall-out.

You are undoubtedly receiving good advice from our American Embassy in the Philippines, for which I have the highest regard, but I would be happy to provide you or any one you designate with my private views on a continuing basis.

God bless you, my dear Mr. President.

Respectfully yours,

milian S. Luachan

WILLIAM H. QUASHA

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s/s 8409901 Date April 7, 1984

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

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United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

April 6, 1984

Mr. C. C. Alfarero 8876 Zeiler Avenue, Arleta Los Angeles, California 91331

Dear Mr. Alfarero:

Your letter to President Reagan dated March 9, 1984, concerning statehood for the Philippines was referred to this office for a reply.

United States policy toward the Philippines has sought to convey our dedication to continuing the firm friendship for the Filipino people which has withstood the vicissitudes of peacetime and wartime since the beginning of this century. The possibility of statehood is an interesting one but, frankly, not an alternative very often mentioned to us by Filipino political leaders. Additionally, to our knowledge, the possiblity of statehood has not been considered by U.S. leaders. The Department of State looks to the Filipino people themselves, of course, to determine the political system best suited for their own country. We have continued to support a process of dialogue among all responsible elements there, and look forward to dealing constructively with whatever governments the people may freely choose.

As you are no doubt aware, on numerous occasions U.S. leaders have conveyed to the leaders of the Philippines the deep commitment of the United States to representative government and a democratic electoral process. We have a long-standing policy of non-interference in the internal democratic processes of foreign countries. Accordingly, the United States Government considers the May 14 parliamentary elections strictly a Philippine matter.

I thank you for taking the time to send the President your views. I enclose a copy of one of our latest policy documents on the Philippines, the testimony of Deputy Assistant Secretary of State John Monjo before the House Foreign Affairs Asia and Pacific Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

Ulrich A. Straus

Director

Philippine Affairs

Enclosure:

As stated

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 9, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

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SUBJECT: REQUESTS SUPPORT REGARDING THE PHILIPPINES

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BARTOLOME C. CABANGBANG National Chairman Philippines

March 9,1984

President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

The Philippines statehood movement national leaders are planning to see you middle of April next month. There are 5.3 million members of this movement here in the U.S. and the Philippines. I also understand there is generated anti-american sentiment in the Philippines, which is not favorable to our cause. We would like to seek your opinion and guidance as well as understanding to our goal.

The Federal party of the Philippines, the political arm of the Statehood movement in the Philippines are fielding candidates for the National Assymbly this coming May elections. We also would like to seek your help and assistance to let Democracy work in the Philippine this May elections. The opposition candidates are financially no match to the well oiled political machinery of the administration.

We believe that if the U.S. fails to help guarantee peaceful electtions, the Philippines will face an even worse crisis, which might endanger U.S. interest in the region and will surely become expensive for the U.S. to maintain and repair the damage therafter.

If you are responsive to our cause, we request that you support us now and we will help implement your objectives in the Philippines. Economically and militarilly the U.S. stands to gain more than the Philippines if statehood materializes for the Philippines.

Respectfully yours,

C.C. Alfarero

National Chairman

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 30, 1984

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SUBJECT: URGES PERSONAL SUPPORT TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESS
IN THE PHILIPPINES IN REGARD TO RECENT
ELECTIONS THERE

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DON YOUNG

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s/s	84175	30		
Date	July	6,	1984	

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane National Security Council

The White House

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To: Presi	dent Reagan From: Congressman Don Young
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Remarks:

Charles Hill Elecutive Secretary

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Bear Mr. Young:

Your letter to President Reagan dated May 25, 1984, was forwarded to the Department of State.

Like you, we were encouraged by the recent parliamentary elections in the Philippines because of the large voter turnout, the demonstration of public faith in the electoral process and the effective part played by local citizen poll-watcher organizations. We see the elections as a positive political step which we hope will foster dialogue among the government, the political opposition and the public.

For your general information. I am enclosing a copy of Ambassador Bosworth's recent statement before the Senate Poreign Relations Committee, which provides a broad view of U.S. policy toward the Philippines. I hope you will find it useful.

Sincerely,

W. Tapley Dennett, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure:

The Honorable
Don Young,
House of Representatives.

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JUNE 18, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE ATTN: W. TAPLEY BENNETT

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 215891

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 29, 1984

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

THE HONORABLE DON YOUNG

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: STATES THAT "THE RECENT STEPS TAKEN TOWARD DEMOCRACY IN THE PHILIPPINES, EVIDENT IN THAT COUNTRY'S MAY 14 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, DESERVE THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT." GOES ON TO SAY THAT HE HOPES YOU WILL "LEND YOUR PERSONAL SUPPORT TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND HELP TO ENSURE THAT THE RECENT ELECTIONS THERE ARE HONORED."

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> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

> > 6/18 at 11:30 Am(04)

Dear Don:

Thank you for your May 29 letter to the President offering your observations following the recent parliamentary elections in the Philippines.

We appreciate your interest in commenting on the election process in the Philippines and have shared a copy of your recommendations with the President's foreign policy advisers. Please know that they will be carefully reviewing your request that the President lend support to ensure that the recent elections are honored.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable Don Young House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Washington, D.C. 20515

May 29, 1984

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan President of the United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The recent steps taken toward democracy in the Philippines, evident in that country's May 14 parliamentary elections, deserve the support of the United States Government. While there has been some evidence of fraud in the elections, in general, the voting is considered to have been fair and open. Opposition parties appear to have fared much better than expected. These were the first elections to be held since martial law was lifted in 1981 and the first since 1978. This move toward a more pluralistic system of government in the Philippines- an important ally of the United States- is encouraging.

As the defense of democracy throughout the world has been a hallmark of your Administration, I hope you will lend your personal support to the democratic process in the Philippines and help to ensure that the recent elections there are honored. Thank you for your consideration. With best regards,

Sincerely,

DON YOUN

Congressman for all Alaska

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DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 06, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DENTON LOTZ

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SUBJECT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THE EMBASSY
IN THE PHILIPPINES' APPROVAL OF VISAS FOR
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Date	June	19,	1984	

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

	To: President Reagan From: Mr. Denton Lotz
	Date: 6/4/84 Subject: Requests assistance with
obtaining	visas for the Asian Baptist Ensemble in Manila.
	WH Referral Dated: 6/12/84 NSC ID # 217011 (If any)
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	A translation is attached.
	An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
	We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
	The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
	XX Other.

Remarks: On June 15, a Consular Officer spoke with Mr. Lotz. He was advised that we requested a status report from the Embassy and that we would telephone him when we receive their reply. He appreciated the call and the assistance rendered. He said a written confirmation would not be necessary.

Scharles Hill Executive Secretary

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REFERRAL

JUNE 12, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 217011

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JUNE 4, 1984

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MR. DENTON LOTZ

DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE 1628 SIXTEENTH STREET, NW

WASHINGTON DC 20009

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING THE EMBASSY IN THE PHILIPPINES' APPROVAL OF VISAS FOR A SINGING GROUP, "THE ASIAN BAPTIST ENSEMBLE"

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Thank you.

Denton Lotz, Deputy General Secretary Baptist World Alliance

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The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan President of the United States The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Greetings from the headquarters of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, D.C.

The Baptist World Alliance sponsors a youth conference every five years. This year's conference is in Argentina. Many young people from all over the world are visiting the United States on their way to our Youth Conference. Unfortunately, a number of our embassies abroad have given our Baptist young people difficulty in getting visas to visit the United States.

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Yours sincerely,

Denton Lotz
Deputy General Secretary
Baptist World Alliance

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cc: Senator East
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Secretary of State, George Shultz
Ambassador Bosworth

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 5,

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

RICHARD CHILDRESS

SUBJECT:

Father O'Brien Murder Trial in the Philippines

State has provided a summary of the Father O'Brien case that caused the minor uproar prior to the President's departure. State informs me that the reason Ambassador Armacost had raised this previously with the Solicitor General was at the specific request from Senator Percy.

Although the State memorandum expresses reluctance to get involved further, given the fact that neither O'Brien nor Gore are American citizens, the Papal Nuncio in Manila is staying clear of the case, the fathers have turned down two opportunities to leave and if there is a conviction (which is in doubt), the Philippine Government would like to deport them, it is not in our interest to pursue this matter further, publicly or privately.

Gaston Gur concurs.

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Attachments

State Memorandum dated 5/31/84

Cable - Manila 4534 dated 6/1/84

cc: Gaston Sigur

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May 31, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: Father O'Brien Murder Trial in the Philippines

Father Niall O'Brien, an Irish Catholic priest, was arrested in 1982 in the Philippines on charges of participating in the killing of the mayor of the town where he was engaged in social action work. Arrested with him were Father Brian Gore, an Australian, Father Vicente Dangan, a Filipino, and six Filipino lay workers. Charges against Father Dangan were recently dropped; the trial of the other defendants is currently in progress. Fathers O'Brien and Gore earlier rejected a proposal by the Government to deport them and chose instead to stand trial along with their co-defendants. All the defendants have denied the charges brought against them and have been receiving the strong support of the Philippine Catholic Church. The case has had widespread publicity in the United States, in Ireland and in Australia.

Embassy Manila has followed the arrest, arraignment and trial of the defendants very closely. Periodic reports have been sent to the Department on developments in the trial, Embassy representatives have spoken with Australian and Irish diplomats who have been attending trial sessions in Bacolod on Negros Island, and Ambassador Armacost personally raised the case with the Philippine Solicitor General. The Department has answered numerous public and Congressional inquiries on the case.

The Irish press and groups opposed to the President's visit have sought to make a cause celebre of the O'Brien case, implying that the President's personal intervention with Marcos could get the matter satisfactorily resolved. When queried about O'Brien by an Irish reporter at a White House pre-departure press interview, the President noted he had only recently heard of the case and did not have the details, but said "if there is any way in which we can be of help in that, we'd be pleased to do it." A State Department official has informed an Irish TV personality about what we have already done in this case, but we turned down a request for a live interview via satellite.

Especially in the absence thus far of a request from the Irish Government, we are reluctant to become more directly involved in the case of Father O'Brien. We have already made our interest in the matter known to the Philippine authorities

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and to the Church. The case clearly falls into the jurisdiction of the Philippine legal system, and the defendants are being properly treated; they have access to their defense attorneys and other visitors. Moreover, we believe that open intervention on our part could adversely affect U.S.-Philippine relations and might raise further impediments to a prompt resolution of the case, particularly since there are indications the Philippine Government is looking for a way to wind up the case so long as it can be done without imputing deficiencies to its legal system. In light of the former colonial relationship, Filipinos are especially sensitive on "sovereignty" issues involving "pressure" from the U.S.

We plan to treat the O'Brien case in as low-key a manner as possible and to indicate in response to public and press inquiries that we have been and will continue to monitor the trial very closely. If, at some point, additional action on our part is unavoidable, we will need to consult with both the Irish and Australian Governments on what appropriate additional action we might take.

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: THE FATHER O'BRIEN/FATHER GORE CASE
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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR IN MANILA INFORMS ME THAT HE DISCUSSED THE GORE/O'BRIEN TRIAL AGAIN MAY 31 WITH PNILIPPINE DEPUTY JUSTICE MINISTER BORROMEO AND WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER COLLANTES. THE AUSTRALIAN POSITION THROUGHOUT HAS SIMPLY BEEN TO SEEK AN EXPEDITIOUS AND FAIR TRIAL. BORROMEO NOTED THAT THE PRESENT PACE OF THE TRIAL IS IN THE HANDS OF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, WHO SEEM DETERMINED TO CALL A LONG LIST OF WITMESSES.
- 3. BORROMEO CONFIDENTIALLY NOTED\_THAT HE-FELT AN ACQUITTAL WAS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY. IF THERE WAS A CONVICTION, THE GOP WAS PREPARED PROMPTLY TO USE ITS AUTHORITY TO DEPORT THE TWO FOREIGN PRIESTS RATHER THAN HAVE THEM SERVE SENTENCES IN THE PHILIPPINES.
- 4. FYI, AN EFFORT TO DISMISS THE CASE ON A NOLO CONTENDERE GAMBIT FAILED LAST WEEK BECAUSE OF THE TACTICS OF THE DEFENSE AND THE FOREIGN PRIESTS. ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS THERE HAS CLEARLY BEEN THE POSSIBILITY FOR FATHERS GORE AND O'BRIEN TO GO FREE AND DEPART THE PHILIPPINES, BUT THEY HAVE DEMANDED THEIR "DAY IN COURT" AND VINDICATION OF THEIR "INNOCENCE." END FYI.
- 5. THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME—THAT THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN DUBLIN HAS ALSO BEEN PRESSING FOR SOME HIGH POSTURE ACTION BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ON THESE CASES, INCLUDING APPEALS TO THE POPE. THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE, IN ITS REPORTING, HAS STRESSED THAT THE PAPAL NUNCIO IN MANILA IS KEEPING WELL CLEAR OF THIS CASE DUE TO UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING THE BASIC FACTS AND THE GOOD TREATMENT BEING ACCORDED THE ACCUSED. FURTHERMORE, JAIHE CARDINAL SIN, PRESENTLY THE PHILIPPINES' SOLE CARDINAL, WOULD BE MUCH OPPOSED TO ANY PAPAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE CASE.
- 6. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE IRISH REACTION TO THE TRIAL IN THE PHILIPPINES IS LÁRGELY UNINFORMED ON EITHER THE FACTS OR THE PARAMETERS OF THE SITUATION. IT

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#4198 - Kemp: RCM signed memo to President; forwarded on 6/5. (Earlier RCM had raised guestion: Does Treasury also clear the letter? If so, go ahead & send forward thru Darman." RMK note: 6/5 - per JMP, Treasury clears. 4/5 Pres 59d /tr.

- #3991 Beal: RCM approved recommendation but noted on routing slip "If State won't take this on, we shouldn't. It's not an NSC issue."
- DACOM (FF# 33) Shultz Memo, subject: Your Meeting with Japanese PM Nakasone, June 7. Per Kimmitt: Priority to Paul Thompson; Action to McMinn; Comment - Sigur & Martin; Info - Poindexter. 4 McMenn
  - System II 90547 DeGraffenreid: Recommendation 1: RCM approved, noting "without prejudice on ultimate decisions."

    Recommendation 2: RCM approved. Per Kimmitt copy sent to Brunson McKinley here; copy to go to Hill from D.C.; to Matlock for further action.

System II 90315 - Raymond: RCM approved recommendation; sent to President on 6/5. Closed 4/5 -cris filed 4/8

- 6. #4450 Sigur: RCM approved recommendation, noting: "I see no problem if Nakasone personally wants it. It can be an Evans photo. RMK sent to Bill Martin asking him to coordinate with Henkel and State. Done. CLOSE OUT.
- #4286 Matlock: Kimmitt cover note forwarded Kimmitt-edited State draft response to Michael Deaver with recommendation that he send in final from here (London).

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