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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 6, 1986

Mrs. Sandra L. Climaco
807 Lincoln Highway
Fairview Heights IL 62208

Dear Mrs. Climaco:

I am pleased to reply on behalf of the President to your letter dated February 12 concerning U.S. policy toward the recent Philippine election and the 1984 murder of your father-in-law, Cesar C. Climaco.

The Department of State has often deplored the violence, of which Mayor Climaco was a tragic victim, associated with Philippine politics.

The U.S. maintained strict neutrality in the recent elections while consistently urging that they be free and fair. Nevertheless, the elections were marred by widespread fraud and violence and the results were not credible to the Filipino people.

The events following the elections and leading to the transition to a new government in the Philippines are now history. The U.S. moved quickly to recognize the new Government of the Philippines. The U.S. now stands ready to assist as appropriate in Filipino efforts to restore peace and prosperity to their country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Finney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

John D. Finney
Acting Director

Office of Philippine Affairs

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February 12, 1986

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Dear President Reagen,

I went to Union Station today in hopes of seeing you, but we all missed even a glimpse of your presence.

My father in law was killed over voter fraud in the Philippines. He, Cesar C. Climaco was Mayor of Zamboanga City and an outspoken critic of this most famous Dictator. He was about to testify and present hard evidence of government tampering with ballots and the case was dropped shortly after his murder, due to a lack of a witness.

As seen on National television cheating was wide-spread on the part of the government. Also threats and killings. I admire the Filipino people protecting the ballots by linking arms. They all guarded the ballots with their lives. This clearly showed a love of Democracy, a brave people, and a fear of the present government.

Why, when it appeared that Mr. Dictator Marcos was feeling trapped and on the verge of stepping down did you change your stand? You have just given Mr. Marcos the go a head to continue Mass Killing, to continuing cheating the people of the Philippines, to continue plundering the Philippines, to continue blackmailing the U.S.A. for bases in return, to continue making the Philippines a country filled with widows and orphans, to continue turning the Filipino people against the American Government, and lastly to continue leading the country to Communism. If a Democracy isn't restored thru this election the Communists will certainly take over.

Many Filipinos are now considering the American Government as their enemy. They feel that we are helping to keep Marcos in Power. And for what, a base that will be lost anyway when the Communists take over. If we must lose these bases, wouldn't it be better to lose them to a legitament Democracy than to a Communist Government? Also Marcos may be angry enough that the U.S. exposed his war record, and massive fraud and take the bases away. You can't really think you could trust his word?

Please for the sake of my father in law and the many others that gave their lives in the hope of restoring Democracy, be strong with Marcos, threaten to take away his precious \$\$\$\$\$\$ in military aid.

In Defense of the Filipino People

Sandra L. Climaco
Sandra L. Climaco
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Marcos foe Climaco is assassinated

From wire reports

MANILA, Philippines — Cesar C. Climaco, a leading Philippine opposition figure, was shot to death Wednesday in the city of Zamboanga.

He was the father of Belleville physician Cesar F. Climaco.

Climaco, who was mayor of Zamboanga, is the second prominent critic of President Ferdinand E. Marcos to be slain in the past month. On Oct. 19, Alexander Orcullo, regional secretary of an opposition party, was shot to death in the city of Davao.

The 68-year-old Climaco, who was shot while he talked to victims of a fire that razed a downtown neighborhood, was taken by a policeman to a nearby hospital, where he died of a single .45-caliber gunshot wound in the back of the head.

Maj. Gen. Delfin Castro, military chief in the rebellion-torn south, ordered a search for the unidentified assailant in the city 550 miles south of Manila.

Hours after the slaying, Marcos ordered acting armed forces chief Lt. Gen. Fidel Ramos to fly to Zamboanga and look into the murder.

In a statement, Marcos called the assassination

a "heinous crime" at a time when the nation had not fully recovered from the August 1983 killing of his arch rival, Benigno Aquino.

The National Assembly unanimously passed a resolution condemning the "brazen assassination," demanding an inquiry and urging the government to find "ways and means to arrest this chilling state of political killings."

Witnesses said the left-handed gunman in a brown shirt and slippers fled on foot after the shooting.

"He (Climaco) was moaning and blood was gushing from his head," said patrolman Ben Arquiza, who helped take Climaco to a hospital 100 yards away.

An autopsy report said the bullet entered below the right ear and exited through the left ear. The spent shell was taken from the scene.

Authorities sealed off downtown Zamboanga with troops, tanks and personnel armored carriers. They said four suspects had been arrested but declined to give details.

Climaco was elected to Parliament in May but



Cesar C. Climaco

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refused to give up his job as mayor and lost his seat in the national assembly.

The head of an anti-graft team during his younger days, Climaco lost three times as a candidate for senator before martial law was proclaimed in 1972.

As mayor, he loved to ride through downtown Zamboanga on his motorcycle, wearing only a T-shirt and shorts. He said he wanted to conserve gasoline.

Climaco, who owned a rubber plantation, refused to cut his locks that reached his shoulders, saying it was a protest against the authoritarian rule of Marcos.

Beth Panlilio, the mayor's secretary, told reporters Climaco had left his office early saying he was not feeling well. Climaco rode away on his motorbike and stopped to talk to victims of the fire.

"There were a number of people there and they saw this man armed with a gun shoot the mayor," said Arquiza.

World Notes

THE PHILIPPINES

Murder in Broad Daylight

So commonplace is violence in the southern Mindanao seaport of Zamboanga City that Mayor César Climaco, 68, tallied the killings on a billboard outside the municipal hall. The mayor, a leading critic of the regime of President Ferdinand Marcos, last week became such a statistic himself as he was shot in broad daylight in the center of town. The assassin escaped. Inevitably, some Filipinos blamed the killing on the Marcos regime. During the past two months three opposition figures in the south have been murdered, and many suspect that right-wing military elements were involved.

Climaco had been a constant critic of the government's human rights abuses. When the President proclaimed martial law in 1972, he vowed not to cut his hair until "peace and democracy are restored," and his long white locks became his trademark. Marcos condemned the murder and ordered an investigation by the acting armed forces Chief of Staff Lieut. General Fidel Ramos. That did not appease the opposition. Said former Senator Salvador Laurel: "One by one our leaders are being killed or eliminated."



Mayor Climaco

CHAD

Yes They Are, No They Are Not

"Chad is once again in the hands of the Chadians," declared an exultant French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson last week. His claim: after a 15-month standoff in the sub-Saharan former French colony, both Libya and France had, by mutual agreement, withdrawn all their troops. But had they? "Substantial Libyan troops remain in Chad," snapped U.S. State Department Spokesman John Hughes. "The Libyan troops have completely withdrawn," reiterated a piqued Jean-Michel Baylet, the French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Countered Chad's President, Hissène Habré, "The Libyan aggression has not ceased. That is the truth."

Less than 24 hours later, French President François Mitterrand took off for the Greek island of Crete, and a surprise summit meeting with Libya's strongman, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. Back in Paris, Mitterrand was forced to admit that, no, the Libyans had not completed their pull-out and that approximately two battalions still remained. There seemed little doubt, as the Paris daily *Le Monde* put it, that the U.S. statement had "profoundly embarrassed the French authorities."



The French bid adieu to Libyans

MOROCCO

An Angry King Pulls Out

Secure behind a 750-mile-long desert wall of sand and rock, the armed forces of King Hassan II of Morocco have gained the upper hand in their almost nine-year struggle with the Marxist guerrillas of the Polisario Front for control of the 103,000-sq.-mi. Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony. Last week, however, Morocco suffered a major diplomatic defeat. During a four-day summit in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa, a majority of

the 50 states in the Organization of African Unity agreed for the first time to seat the Polisario Front as a full member. An angry Hassan responded by pulling his country out of the O.A.U., becoming the first member to do so in the organization's 21-year history. The King's sardonic parting shot was to wish the assembly "a good ride with your new partner."

The decision by the O.A.U.'s 50 member states must have given the King second thoughts about his own new partnership with Libyan Leader Muammar Gaddafi. Three months ago, in an effort to prevent such a decision and to end Libyan support for the Polisario Front, Hassan signed a surprise unity agreement with Gaddafi. But his new ally proved to be no friend in need; only Zaïre joined the Moroccan walkout.

INDIA

Rajiv Takes Charge

He gently scattered his slain mother's ashes into the thin Himalayan air from the open hatch of an Indian air force transport plane. Then Rajiv Gandhi, 40, returned to New Delhi last week and boldly took Indira Gandhi's place in the oak-paneled Prime Minister's office. His first official act was to assure his fellow citizens, via nationwide radio and television, that he would honor his mother's democratic, nonaligned policies. Rajiv then confidently called parliamentary elections for Dec. 24. One opposition candidate: Maneka Gandhi, 28, the widow of his younger brother Sanjay. The elections will be held in all states but Assam, where disputes over the voting rights of recent immigrants have erupted, and Punjab, which has been the scene of civil unrest.

Rajiv faces two daunting tasks: to quell the sectarian violence that surfaced most recently when Hindus turned upon Sikhs following Indira Gandhi's assassination, and to restore the integrity of his government, which is riddled with corruption. "Mr. Clean," as Rajiv is known by many supporters, did not waver. Said he: "No quarter will be given to the corrupt, the lazy or the inefficient."



Casting Indira's ashes to the winds

AFGHANISTAN

The Sorrow of Parting

The scene at Kabul airport was heartrending, according to one observer: parents and relatives were held at gunpoint behind police barricades, prevented from gathering their departing children in a final embrace. Amid tears and anguish, earlier this month some 370 Afghan children between the ages of seven and nine were herded aboard a Soviet airliner. Their destination: the Soviet Union, where for the next 15 to 20 years they will be put through a course of political indoctrination. According to Radio Kabul, the official voice of Afghan President Babrak Karmal's Soviet-backed regime, the children will be taught "Marxist-Leninist thinking, and an appreciation of the greatness of the Soviet state and the evils of imperialism."

Sources within the anti-Soviet Afghan resistance movement say that the children will join an estimated 16,000 to 20,000 Afghan youngsters who have been forcibly sent to the Soviet Union over the past four years. One Western diplomat in Islamabad, Pakistan, says that the Soviets, faced with widespread opposition in Afghanistan, "may have concluded that nothing short of Sovietization inside the U.S.S.R. would make much of an ideological dent in Afghan youth."

Father of Fairview residents assassinate

Cesar C. Climaco killed in Phillipin

By PATTY COOPER
Of the Journal Staff

BELLEVILLE—November 13 started like that of any other evening with Cesar F. and Sandra Climaco of Belleville readying their six children for bed. Then the phone rang and their world fell apart.

The 9:30 p.m. call reported that Mr. Climaco's father, Cesar C. Climaco, 67, had been assassinated while fighting a fire in the small town of Zamboanga in the Philippines. He was killed by a .45-calibre handgun.

A description of the killing was sketchy, said Sandra. "All we know is that someone ran up and shot him in the head. He was shot from behind...it was made to look like a man on the street had shot him."

But from the beginning, the Climaco's had their doubt's about a citizen being responsible for the murder. These doubt's were verified later in the week with another call from a friend in New York.

Before the senior Climaco's death a hearing had been scheduled to investigate allegations by Cesar C. Climaco of election fraud. The call said the hearing has now been cancelled because the only witness was dead.

That's why he was killed, said Sandra. The United States supports the government of President Ferdinand Marcos because of the free elections. If election fraud could have been proved, the American government would have been upset, she said.

Sandra charged, "while they (the U.S. government) look the other way to murder, torture and civil rights violations, election fraud might reduce the financial and military aid."

The election fraud stems from an incident several years ago when the senior Climaco physically laid on some ballots that were to be switched. He supposedly had evidence that would have identified the perpetrators as Marcos' supporters.

As soon as the death of the senior Climaco was reported, Cesar and Sandra

began making plans to go to the Philippines for the call told them to say home, "We were told it's too d

The senior Climaco has been involved with the of law was declared in 1971. As a constant reminder, he cut until civil rights were restored in the Philippine

Since that time, he has been an outspoken oppon dra. "Every time there was a death or torture, he w Marcos telling him something was wrong.

"Daddy was for a peaceful transition. He would wanted."

If fate had not stepped in and stopped the senior (been given the chance to speak for the people.

He had been recently elected to the Parliment in M U.S. Senate. Cesar C. Climaco was also the mayo Zamboanga.

The senior Climaco was a long time friend of S Aquino, who was kidnapped and killed a year ago leaders, said Sandra.

"He was the ideal Christian. If he had one coat he had enough, he would give, even if he didn't have e she said.

"Daddy knew he could be killed, but he said he w country...he believed in law and order."

Cesar C. Climaco is survived by his wife Julpa, ar lives in the Philippines; six children, Dr. Cesar F. of I view Heights; Dr. Augusto of Belleville, Delora of B view Heights, Lalla of Oregon; and 14 grandchildren.

In his memory a mass was said Monday evening Church in Belleville.

Murder of a Filipino mayor

Cesar Climaco had the wit and eccentricity of a man who might have been as big a success on "Saturday Night Live" as he was as mayor of a Philippine city named Zamboanga.

An outspoken critic of President Ferdinand Marcos' rule, he had elevated mischief and insult to a political art. Tribune correspondent Jonathan Broder once described him as a man whose style wed the irreverence of New York City Mayor Ed Koch with the knavery of political prankster Dick Tuck, all presented with the subtlety of the late comedian John Belushi.

Earlier this month Mayor Climaco became the fourth opposition figure to be killed in eight weeks on the tropical island of Mindanao.

Despite his daily barrage of telegrams to the presidential palace attacking Mr. Marcos' policies, he was often received by the president, who joshed him about his shoulder-length hair, which he had refused to cut in protest over Marcos' 1972 declaration of martial law, al-

though it officially ended in 1981.

President Marcos called his murder a major blow against the tranquility and decency of public life, and declared he would spare no effort to bring his murderers to justice. Roman Catholic Jaime Cardinal Sin deplored the slaying as a loss of confidence in the judicial system that made Filipinos take the law into their own hands, resulting in "a spate of killings."

Opposition leaders asserted the killing was part of a pattern of liquidating Marcos' foes, but others cited enemies Mayor Climaco had made in the underworld. One recent day, for example, he foiled an extortion attempt on a businessman and the next day triggered the arrest of two men trucking illegally cut timber.

As long as the Philippines is ruled by authoritarians like President Marcos, there will be doubt whether murders like Mayor Climaco's are carried out by criminal torpedoes or political assassins.

Sons to miss father's funeral

By KATHY O'DELL
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

Fearful of arrest by the government of President Ferdinand Marcos, two Metro-East doctors will not go back to the Philippines to attend the funeral of their father, Cesar Climaco, an outspoken Marcos critic who was assassinated Tuesday.

Dr. Cesar Climaco of Fairview Heights said his father had a premonition of his death.

"If I get killed for what I'm doing, don't come back," Dr. Climaco said his father told a family member recently.

THE ELDER CLIMACO had stopped to visit victims of a fire when he was shot, reports from the Philippines said.

A Philippine lawyer and mayor of Zamboanga, a city of 400,000, Climaco was rushed by police to Doctor's Hospital, where he died of a single .45-caliber gunshot wound to the back of the head, the reports said.

Major Gen. Delfin Castro, military chief in the rebellion-torn region, ordered a hunt for the unidentified assailant in the city 550 miles south of Manila.

Witnesses said the left-handed gunman, wearing a brown shirt and slippers, fled on foot.

Climaco was elected to Parliament in 1973. But he refused to give up his job as mayor and lost his seat in the national assembly.

THE MAYOR OWNED a rubber plantation. He had not cut his now shoulder-length hair since 1973 when martial law was declared. It was a protest against the authoritarian rule of Marcos, a former school classmate of their father, family members said.



Dr. Cesar Climaco: Father in Philippines said, 'If I get killed, don't come back.'

Dr. Climaco said his father had received death threats for the last five years, apparently related to his vocal anti-Marcos sentiments.

Also living in the Fairview Heights area are a second physician son, Dr. Augusto Climaco, two other sons, Julio, a lawyer, and Erwin, and a daughter, Delora Climaco. Another daughter, Lala Wright, lives in Oregon.

THEIR MOTHER, Julia, lives in the Philippines.

Erwin is expected to leave his brother's

Fairview Heights home Thursday to return to the Philippines and join other family members.

But Cesar and Augusto will stay behind.

"I've not been able to go back for ten years now," Cesar Climaco said. "Right now, with my father gone, I don't have the urge to go back any more."

He said arrest orders might be waiting at the airport for he and his older brother Augusto because of their known anti-Marcos sentiments.

THE FAMILY HAS received telephone calls warning them not to return, according to Sandra Climaco, Cesar Climaco's wife.

Climaco does not believe his mother or brothers in the Philippines are in danger now. "I was told last night our house was surrounded by soldiers," he said.

He said officials are calling to offer assistance in getting family members back in the Philippines for the funeral.

"I'm not going back because I'm not sure what their intentions are," he said.

He said his father was the only public official in the Philippines who openly said Marcos had a hand in the slaying of opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

"THEY HAD A BIG political fight with Marcos," he said, with the president even appearing on local television to oppose his father's election.

Describing his parents as "upper-middle class," Cesar Climaco said his father "was a very dynamic person. He criticized anyone he feels is wrong. He's very aggressive and very compassionate."

(Some information for this story was supplied by United Press International.)

Area Family Ties Marcos To Killing

By Martha Shirk
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

The Belleville area relatives of a Filipino political leader who was killed Wednesday say they are convinced that President Ferdinand E. Marcos engineered the killing.

"We all believe that Marcos had something to do with it," said Dr. Augusto Climaco, a son of Cesar Climaco. "We expected that our father would be killed long ago. I'm only glad that Marcos allowed him to live as long as he did. He was at least allowed to help people for all those years."

Cesar Climaco was shot and killed Wednesday (Tuesday St. Louis time) by a man who had used a ruse to summon him from his office. Climaco, 68, was the mayor of Zamboanga City, which has a population of about 400,000 and is 540 miles southeast of Manila.

Mayor Climaco had been a longtime critic of Marcos' government. He had urged his children to settle in the United States because of Marcos' imposition of martial law 12 years ago. Four of his six children and his wife live in the Belleville area. His wife, Dulpha, was in the Philippines visiting him at the time of the shooting.

Dr. Climaco said that most of the family's information about the killing had come from a brother, Julio, who is in the Philippines tending to a business.

"It appears that my father spent part of the day helping fight a fire," Dr. Climaco said. "You have to understand that he was not only the mayor. Being the mayor, for him, meant being social worker, policeman, fireman. He was wherever he had to be when there was trouble."

"After he helped put out the fire, he went back to his office. But someone called him and told him the fire had restarted. So he jumped on his motorcycle and sped back to the scene. There was no fire, but somebody was waiting for him."

Dr. Climaco said his father had been a popular figure in the city.

"He was really loved," he said. "All the schools and businesses are closed down today. He wouldn't have wanted that, because he was a very private person. He wanted to be buried on the same day he died. But the people wouldn't allow it. They all want to view his remains. My brother said he cannot make any decision about what to do. The people have taken it into their hands."

Dr. Climaco described Marcos' message of condolence as "rather flattering comments from a person who ordered his killing." Marcos issued a statement calling Mayor Climaco a "leader of exceptional courage, ability and prestige."

"He made similar statements when Benigno Aquino was killed, and my father believed he was responsible for that killing," Dr. Climaco said. "He is just trying to convince people that he had nothing to do with it."

Dr. Climaco said he had last seen his father when his father visited Belleville 3½ years ago.

"He mentioned when he was here then that we might not see each other again," Dr. Climaco said. "He was very much a thorn in Marcos' side. He knew it was just a matter of time before they killed him."

"I regret that my father will not live to see the dawn of freedom in the Philippines."

Dr. Climaco came to the United States about 20 years ago to train as a neurosurgeon. When he finished training in 1973, he wanted to go back. "But my father wrote and said don't come back," he said. "I have children, and my father wanted them to be free."

The late mayor's other children are Cesar, a general surgeon, Delora, and Julio, all of the Belleville area; Erwin, who lives in the Philippines; and Lala Wright, who lives in Oregon. He has 14 grandchildren living in the United States.

His son, Cesar, was an unsuccessful candidate for St. Clair County coroner in March. Cesar's wife, Sandra, has twice been an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for the seat held by U.S. Rep. Mel Price, D-East St. Louis. She also spearheaded a petition drive to require a vote in St. Clair County last week on three tax cut proposals. The proposals were turned down by voters.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Thurs., Nov. 15, 1984

A Death In The Philippines

To all but a handful of people in St. Louis, Cesar Climaco was not a household name. As with another great Filipino leader, Benigno Aquino, it has taken the assassination of Mr. Climaco, mayor of Zamboanga City, to put his name in the headlines and to bring the wayward public eye once again to focus on his freedom-forsaken land, the Philippines.

Mayor Climaco's opposition to President Marcos was not that of a new convert who only saw the light when public, widespread outrage over Sen. Aquino's killing made opposition fashionable. The extent and vehemence of his love for freedom could be measured in the length of his hair, uncut since 1972, the year Mr. Marcos declared martial law. At that time, Mayor Climaco vowed not to trim his locks until full democracy was restored in his country — a time that Mr. Climaco sadly did not live to see. For 14 years, he was a thorn in the flesh of Mr. Marcos, chastising him in telegrams to the presidential palace sent almost daily and berating the repressive Marcos government in television documentaries and interviews freely granted to representatives of the international and national press.

It is premature to read into Mr.

Climaco's assassination the hand of his natural political enemy — but the weight of many developments in recent weeks makes it naive to dismiss outright the suggestion that government forces may have had a part in his death. First, and most important, is the report of the majority of the Agrava Commission, which found high-level military complicity in the killing of Sen. Aquino. Then, too, are mounting concerns, voiced forcefully in a joint pastoral letter of the Catholic Bishops' in the Philippines, over the Marcos government's appointment of "secret marshals" charged with discouraging growing political and military opposition. The recent and still unsolved killing of three other opposition leaders in Mr. Climaco's embattled region of Mindanao only add to concerns that the government feels unencumbered by respect for human rights and civil liberties in its efforts to stifle dissent.

Like an untended wound left to fester, the problem of repression in the Philippines has not improved for being neglected. Mr. Climaco has now been silenced, but his voice, raised so loudly and long in the cause of freedom, will continue to echo in his homeland until democracy is restored and human dignity regained.

Local family speaks out

By DOUGLAS L. DENNISON
Of the News-Democrat

BELLEVILLE — Belleville physician Cesar F. Climaco does not plan to attend his father's funeral in the Philippines for fear he, too, will be killed.

Climaco's father, Cesar C. Climaco, 68, was assassinated early Wednesday (Philippines time) in Zamboanga, the small Philippines city where he was mayor.

Climaco learned of the assassination of his father about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. The news came from his sister Delora, also of Belleville. She had been telephoned by an uncle in the Philippines.

Climaco said his father, a leading opponent of Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos, had received threats from military generals for the past five years but took no precautions.

"He did not want to risk the life of a bodyguard," Climaco said of his father. His father once told him if anybody wanted to kill him, they could do it

See FAMILY/3A

Family

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whether or not he had a bodyguard.

Climaco, 42, said he hasn't seen his father since 1981, when the father visited his sons and other relatives in Belleville.

Climaco said his father had planned another visit last summer, but his workload prevented the trip.

Climaco's wife, Sandra Climaco, said she and her husband would not go to the elder Climaco's funeral, scheduled for Sunday in the Philippines. She told family friends her husband had been warned he could be killed if he attended the service.

Sandra Climaco said she and her husband received a letter Wednesday, written by a Filipino relative before the assassination, saying the situation in the islands was increasingly dangerous. The letter said the number of unnecessary arrests and beatings has escalated in recent weeks.

Sandra Climaco said such actions have been common since Marcos declared martial law in 1972. She said he had served eight years as president and was ineligible to serve another term, so he declared martial law to remain in power.

Climaco had just finished medical school in 1970 at the University of the Philippines when his father told him it would be best for him to pursue his

medical education in the United States. He did so in Baltimore, where he met and married Sandra.

They returned to the Philippines in August 1972, one month before martial law was declared.

Soon after the declaration, Climaco returned home one night from a stormy town meeting. Events at the meeting made him question the future of the country and of his family's life there.

"He said he didn't want our second child to be born a citizen of the Philippines," Sandra Climaco said. "He asked me, 'Can you leave? Can you travel?' I said I could."

Climaco took his wife and their 11-month-old daughter to Manila, where they obtained passports, visas and tax and police clearances. They were out of the Philippines within two days with no idea of where to go.

The Climacos stayed at his brother Augusto's house in Chicago, then lived in Baltimore for a year. After that, they moved to Belleville.

Augusto Climaco, a neurosurgeon, had moved here while Cesar and Sandra Climaco were in Baltimore.

Sandra Climaco said flagrant human rights violations in the Philippines partly were responsible for her and her husband's political activity in the U.S.

Sandra Climaco said their activity began with the abortion issue, which they viewed as a human rights violation. It was followed by opposition to registration of handguns, which she said preceded the declaration of martial law in the Philippines. Small-scale political involvement soon led to complete involvement, she said.

Climaco has provided free medical service to local people who couldn't otherwise afford treatment.

The Climacos this year led a drive for a referendum calling for a 25 percent reduction of tax levies in three St. Clair County funds. That plan was rejected by voters last Tuesday.

On a broader scale, Sandra Climaco said the U.S. government provides about \$50 million a year in financial and military aid to the Marcos government. "We would like that aid stopped," she said. "Most of the Filipinos in the U.S. would like that aid stopped."

She said the Philippine government should at least be chastised for its human rights violations. She called the kidnapping and murdering of college students a common occurrence in the Philippines.

"I'm just glad that my father-in-law was not tortured," as is common with opponents of the Marcos regime, she said.

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The Director
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ATTN.: DIRECTOR JOLLY R. BUGARIN

S i r :

Relative to the now notorious and infamous LANTAKA-INCIDENT, may I furnish you with copies of the following:

- + April 7, 1981, Telegram to President Marcos
- + April 8, 1981, Telegram to President Marcos
- + April 9, 1981, Urgent letter to Maj. Gen. Fidel Ramos
- + April 10, 1981, Urgent letter to Ministry of Justice
- + April 11, 1981, Urgent letter to President Marcos
- + April 11, 1981, Telegram to President Marcos
- + April 12, 1981, Urgent letter to Assemblyman Joaquin F. Enriquez, Jr.
- + April 12, 1981, Telegram to Col. Manuel Imperial, PC Recon IX
- + April 12, 1981, Telegram to Maj. Gen. Fidel Ramos
- + April 13, 1981, Telegram to BGen. Delfin Castro, Southcom Chief
- + April 13, 1981, Urgent letter to the Interim Batasang Pambansa

all of which are self-explanatory, for your information and appropriate action and to all of which communications we have not, as yet, been favored with a reply.

Enclosed, also, you will also find samples of forged and/or falsified election-documents, which form part of the massive official and accountable COMELEC-FORMS we seized last April 7, 1981 and which are now in our custody, for you to examine the same if they are authentic and genuine COMELEC-FORMS, to wit:

1. TWO (2) Sealed Brown Envelopes (Comelec Form No. 18), bearing each SERIAL NUMBERS: 00423 and 00428 respectively, each with OFFICIAL SEAL in RED-print (Comelect Form No. 12) bearing SERIAL NUMBERS: 09245 and 09030 respectively, for Voting Center No. 19-F, Zamboanga City, and Voting Center No. 19-G, Zamboanga City, respectively, both of which envelopes obviously containing the FAKED/FORGED/FALSIFIED Plebiscite RETURNS (1st Copy, in BLACK-print) addressed to the respective Provincial/City Board of Canvassers.

2. PLEBISCITE RETURNS (Comelec Form No. 9), GREEN-print (intended as COPY FOR: THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS), bearing SERIAL NUMBER 05467, for Voting Center No. 1-A, Barangay Poblacion, La Libertad Municipality, Zamboanga del Norte, with the following entries:

Question No. 1	- YES	= 226
	NO	= 50
Question No. 2	- YES	= 226
	NO	= 50
Question No. 3	- YES	= 226
	NO	= 50

3. XEROX COPY of REGISTRY CARD (Lantaka Hotel) No. 5838, dated April 4, 1981, for Rooms Nos. 256 and 258 for the occupancy of RAMON DIMEN, REGULUS PALMA and SOFRONIO MANLAPAS, JR., from Metro Manila, c/o LTP, the Office of the Regional Government, with top right-hand corner notation: "Guest of Assemblyman Bandaying," in which Government Occupied/PAID Rooms were found the Falsified Comelec Forms.

4. XEROX COPY of REGISTRY CARD (Lantaka Hotel) No. 5868, dated April 7, 1981, registered in the name of OSCAR R. ESTRELLA & CO., from Manila, with top left-hand corner notation: "c/o LTP" and bottom-instruction that "SEND BILL TO L.T.P.", below which appears a SIGNATURE which has identical similarity with official signature of LTP CHAIRMAN ULBERT ULAMA TUGUNG, to which room one of the occupants of the afore-said two rooms ran to hide when we raided the HOTEL.

Mr. Director, I fully realize the awkward and difficult position this places you, considering that if you are what you are in the SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY, like my brother Rafael when he was Justice of the Court of Appeals, - you owe it to the Man at Malacañang who appointed you Director of the National Bureau of Investigation, the MAN who happened to be Valedictorian of your UP Law Class 1939 and 1939 Bar Topnotcher, and now PRESIDENT-PRIME MINISTER of the Republic of the Philippines: FERDINAND E. MARCOS!

This singular fact and circumstance, naturally, puts you squarely in a dilemma: To discharge your bounden duty with Courage and Nobility, - or to have second-thoughts about your PERSONAL LOYALTY, GRATITUDE, BOND OF FRIENDSHIP and Esprit de corps with a distinguished CLASSMATE, Ferdinand. However, I am also aware of what we all UP-alumni learned from the same Law School (since I, too, graduated in said institution in 1941): that it is our moral and legal duty to uphold TRUTH, JUSTICE, and the RULE OF LAW above FRIENDSHIP, personal LOYALTY and personal GRATITUDE!

But we must never forget that no less than President Marcos himself, has assured our people that he is in no way involved in this MASSIVE COMELEC FRAUD which we uncovered here in Zamboanga City, to the extent that he had personally directed the COMELEC to conduct a thorough investigation of the whole mess and to punish the guilty parties to the full extent of the law. And as of this moment, the President must be Telling the Truth because we see no link whatsoever involving the President in to this ELECTORAL INFAMY which, coincidentally, occurred on a SEVENTH, his lucky number: the SEVENTH (7th) of April, 1981.

This fact, alone, therefore, should disabuse our minds of having to compromise ourselves in any way between our moral and legal duty, and our friendship, loyalty and gratitude to the MAN! On the contrary, the telltale EVIDENCE in my possession unerringly and inescapably point an ACCUSING FINGER at the Commission on Elections itself as one of the culprits, if not the PRINCIPAL CULPRIT in this most heinous and dastard scheme to rape Philippine Democracy: either thru direct participation or criminal negligence and irresponsible incompetence!

And Why the Commission on Elections? Because while COMELEC COMMISSIONER LUIS LARDIZABAL came to Zamboanga City on or about March 21, 1981, to publicly PROCLAIM the TRUSTWORTHINESS and COMPETENCE of the incumbent COMELEC COMMISSIONERS, yet after the apprehension of the LANTAKA COMELEC FRAUD, not even the shadow of a COMELEC COMMISSIONER came to see for himself the stinking mess of seized FRAUDULENT PLEBISCITE RETURNS now in our custody! With the exception of Miss Leonila Debulgado, the local COMELEC REGISTRAR, all TOP COMELEC OFFICIAL in Zamboanga City dared not have even their pictures taken with the stinking pile of confiscated FRAUDULENT PLEBISCITE RETURNS?

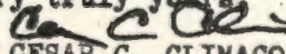
Then COMELEC CHAIRMAN SANTIAGO in Manila, publicly proclaimed that he was sending to Zamboanga City the Chief of the COMELEC Law Division, Atty. ZOILO GOMEZ, who after some 48 hours stay in Zamboanga City, returned to Manila and reported to CHAIRMAN SANTIAGO thus: "To Zamboanga City, I WENT, I SLEPT and I LEFT"!

And as a clincher, why should the HOTEL Bills of the Forgerers be PAID with PUBLIC FUNDS disbursed by the LTP which is the REGIONAL AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT (RAG) of Region IX?

In view of the foregoing, it is understandable why now the PC-COMELEC Organizations are bent in transforming the LANTAKA COMELEC FALSIFICATION into another ROGELIO ROXAS GOLDEN BUDDHA case and/or EDUARDO QUINTERO CON-CON PAYOLA AFFAIR - where the ACCUSERS became the ACCUSED as evidenced by the recent planting of evidence against the Mayor of Zamboanga City and/or members of his family! Will the NBI, with crossed arms, JUST STANDBY?

In the light of the foregoing, therefore, you owe it to the President and the Republic, to the NATION and to our People to get at the bottom of this whole stinking mess - for only by pinpointing responsibility and punishing the real guilty parties can we refurbish the tarnished IMAGE of the Presidency and the Republic as far as PUBLIC OPINION is concerned, - and only then can we restore our people's faith and confidence in our country's ELECTORAL PROCESSES, especially since the Filipino Electorate will be facing the FIRST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, since Martial Law, on JUNE 11, 1981. We can not in conscience, with Pride and Honor go thru any election, be it on June 7, 11 or 16, this year, or at anytime thereafter, without FIRST ascertaining the Responsibility and/or Culpability of the entire COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS.

I invite you, therefore, to join me in this crusade by pooling our resources, our abilities, and our loyalties to the Filipino People and to the Republic in cleaning and clearing up these horrendous FRAUDS - so that Philippine Elections in the future shall forever remain sacred and inviolate, and the true and free expression of our PEOPLE'S WILL!

Very truly yours,

CESAR C. CLIMACO
Mayor

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
CITY OF ZAMBOANGA



CESAR C. CLIMACO
City Mayor

April 15, 1981

BGen. Cirilo Bueno, Jr.
Commander, 9th PC Regional Command
R. T. Lim Blvd., Zamboanga City

URGENT

S i r :

It is disturbing to note that from the time the residence of my brother, Atty. Jose C. Climaco was searched by elements under your PC Regional Command in the afternoon of April 8, 1981, the identities of the said raiders, who ran away when my brother arrived, have not up to this time been disclosed or pinpointed. May we, therefore, request that you please identify the persons of said raiders, giving their names and serial numbers?

It should not be difficult for you to give us the identities of said PC raiders, but also to furnish us with whatever ACTION REPORT they have submitted on the case as well as copies of the Sworn Statement they have executed - unless you are hiding skeletons that your Command is afraid to make public.

On the other hand, the BULLETIN TODAY, issue of Wednesday, April 15, 1981, published a news report captioned: "SEIZE 'SUBVERSIVE' DOCUMENTS IN ZAMBO" in which it said that "Government operatives have seized printed revolutionary materials and sealed Plebiscite Returns from the residence of the brother of Zamboanga City Mayor Cesar Climaco," and further stated that said report was "released yesterday by BGen. Antonio P. Lay, Commander of the PC Criminal Investigation Service, from its regional field office in Zamboanga x x x".

In the light of the foregoing, therefore, and should your Office fail to provide us with the names of the members of your Command who participated in the aforesaid illegal search at the residence of my brother, within 24 HOURS from receipt hereof, - we shall be constrained to file the corresponding charges against you directly as Commander of PC RECOM 9, in this city.

Please favor us with an immediate reply.

Very truly yours,

Mayor

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Hon. Reuben Canoy
Member, Interim Batasang Pambansa
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Dear Mr. Assemblyman:

This letter is written to you in our capacity as one of the leaders of the opposition in our national legislature and the purpose is to acquaint the Legislative Opposition with the Massive FALSIFICATION OF PLEBISCITE RETURNS that we have uncovered here in Zamboanga City last April 7, 1981, at about 11:00 A.M., while voting on the proposed Constitutional Amendments all over the nation was not even half-way.

Enclosed, therefore, you will find a set of Sixteen (16) Pages of photographic reproduction of our telegrams and letters sent to the President and other National Officials who, in one way or another have much to do with the investigation and prosecution of Criminal offenses in the Country, from which set you will have a picture of what really happened on that exciting day of April 7, 1981, and in the days immediately following.

Pages 13 and 14 of this set is the letter we have sent to the Interim Batasang Pambansa, thru its Speaker, which we hope will be taken up by the Body as a whole or, God Forbid, will just be pigeon-holed by the ruling KBL so as not to expose to public view the RASCALITY of the KBL Administration in the conduct of elections under a regime of ONE-MAN RULE.

This RASCALITY has long been the SUSPICION of the NATION, but no POSITIVE EVIDENCE has been uncovered until that EVENTFUL moment of 11:00 A.M., of April 7, 1981, when we recovered a JEEPNEY LOAD of OFFICIAL AND ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS in CRIMINAL HANDS occupying two (2) Hotel Rooms that are to be paid by GOVERNMENT FUNDS of the Regional Autonomous Government of Region IX, with the apparent KNOWLEDGE, TOLERANCE and even PROTECTION of Ranking COMELEC Officials!

To enable the Opposition in legislating EFFECTIVE MEASURES that will forestall the recurrence of ELECTORAL FRAUDS in our Country, considering that all of the incumbent Commissioners of the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS were appointed without the usual, healthy and Mandatory CONFIRMATION by an Independent Body, like the Commission on Appointments under the 1935 Constitution, enclosed you will find a portion of the evidence uncovered and recovered by us consisting of falsified documents which the Commission on Elections must have allowed, either knowingly or negligently, to fall into Criminal Hands, to wit:

- (1). BROWN ENVELOPE (Comelec Form No. 18) bearing Serial Number 21597, with Red Comelec Seal (Comelec Form No. 12), bearing Serial Number 09244, broken to enable us ascertain if the contents thereof are, indeed, intended for Voting Center No. 19-L, Campo Islam, Zamboanga City, and alleged to have been received by the Election Registrar at 10:10 P.M., of April 7, 1981, but which envelope was confiscated by us much earlier, at 11:00 A.M., of April 7, 1981;
- (2) The Contents of the aforesaid Brown Comelec Envelope which turned out to be, indeed, Plebiscite Returns (Comelec Form No. 9) with Serial Number 04647, Black Print for the Board of Canvassers, and sealed with COMELEC Red Seal bearing Serial Number 09255, intended for Voting Center No. 19-L, Campo Islam, Zamboanga City, wherein is recorded 285 YES votes against 84 NO votes on all three questions.

Also enclosed for your Official Record are four (4) Brown Envelopes (Comelec Form No. 18) with Serial Numbers 14556, 00515, 14553, and 21069, all sealed with unbroken Comelec Red Seals bearing respectively Serial Numbers 09298, 09344, 10681 and 10679, - the contents of each Brown Envelope are presumed to be the PLEBISCITE RETURNS (Black Print for the Board of Canvassers) intended for Zamboanga City Voting Centers Numbers 25, 31-A, 31-C and 32-C respectively.

With the enclosed Seized Evidence in the hands of the Legislative Opposition, we expect intelligent and thorough participation by the Opposition in legislating remedial measures that will insure Clean, Orderly and Peaceful Philippine Elections in the days ahead!

The WATERGATE PLUMBERS who wired the Democratic Convention to obtain political information brought the unprecedented resignation of Mr. Richard Nixon from the Presidency of the United States, - and Mr. Nixon's fault is a mere attempt to deny a Watergate COVER-UP by his Administration!

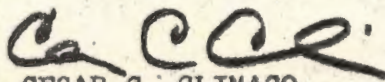
The LANTAKA-FAKERS, did a lot more evil and harm than the WATERGATE PLUMBERS - the FAKERS assaulted DIRECTLY the very Citadels of Free Elections with the EVIDENT BLESSINGS of the Commission on Elections - the Constitutional Body that will AGAIN SUPERVISE the much advertised PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS next June where, we are told, Senator Salvador Laurel and you are aspiring to be the Opposition Presidential Candidate!

Do you think it will be wise and fair for us in the Opposition to participate in an Election wherein the Commission on Elections has not yet as of today successfully CLEARED itself of INVOLVEMENT in this MASSIVE FALSIFICATION OF OFFICIAL COMELEC FORMS, or in the MANIPULATION OF ELECTIONS that AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF NATIONAL SUSPICION, only now we finally UNCOVERED here in Zamboanga City on April 7, 1981 the STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES?

It was an understatement when Senator Ramon Mitra once said: The COMELEC Chairman does not know how to add! For what happened at the Lantaka Hotel last April 7, 1981, it is obvious that our COMELEC has agents who may be poor in Addition, yet EXPERTS in MULTIPLICATION and FALSIFICATION!

Must the Nation go on with the June PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS without first SCRUTINIZING the COMPETENCE, INTEGRITY and HONOR of the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS?

Very truly yours,


CESAR C. CLIMACO
Mayor

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**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
CITY OF ZAMBOANGA**

April 16, 1981

President Ferdinand E. Marcos
Malacañang, Metro Manila

Dear Mr. President:

We are heartened by the Newscast of last night that a COMPOSITE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE has been formed to bring to light the Truth of the celebrated MASSIVE ELECTORAL FRAUD that we uncovered at the Lantaka Hotel, this city, at about 11:00 A.M., of Plebiscite Day, April 7, 1981.

As it is possible that your cordon sanitaire has not presented to you my telegrams and letters, reproduction of which are enclosed reporting the massive Falsification of Plebiscite Returns, intended, or actually used in Region IX, I have decided to send this letter to you, thru a personal emissary, our City Administrator, Mr. RUSTICO M. VARELA, who is personally known to you and the First Lady, with instructions that he should first see Congressman Roquito Ablan who may be able to arrange an appointment with you for him.

Mr. Varela was with me when, assisted by some Peace Officers, two of the room occupants brought out the boxes and packages containing the Falsified Electoral Comelec Accountable Forms. Mr. Varela has assisted us in evaluating the documents found in the said hotel rooms and is in an authoritative position to brief you of what our findings are.

Mr. President, while there is nothing absolutely that links you with this Massive Fraud, but certainly your Appointees, whether in the Commission on Elections or in the Regional Autonomous Government, and/or in the Armed Forces stationed here in Zamboanga City have much to explain - particularly on their OVEREAGERNESS to impress and please you by registering an overwhelming YES vote in Region IX, to the extent of resorting to scandalous FALSIFICATION that we have uncovered.

Mr. Varela is taking along with him samples of the Massive Falsified Evidence we have found in the aforesaid Hotel Rooms, to wit: (a) Two Sealed Envelopes (Comelec Form No. 18), evidently containing Falsified Plebiscite Returns for Voting Centers 19-J and 19-K in Zamboanga City; (b) Plebiscite Returns (Comelec Form No. 9) with Serial Number 03436, intended for Voting Center No. 1 in far away La Libertad, Zamboanga del Norte; and (3) Such other relative documents, xeroxed reproductions of which are enclosed, recovered in said rooms showing the ACTIVE PARTICIPATION of COMELEC and REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS in the SHAMEFUL operations that converted the ELECTIONS into MANIPULATIONS here in Region IX - and possibly all over the Nation.

Mr. President, you owe it to God and to our People not only to investigate this ELECTORAL SCANDAL, but also to PUNISH all those found LEGALLY GUILTY and/or MORALLY RESPONSIBLE.

Very truly yours,

C. C. C.
Mayor

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The abnormal reaction of Atty. ANTONIO EVANGELISTA, the COMELEC TASK FORCE Chief of Zamboanga City, whose indifference to participate in the raid, as requested by the Mayor is a sad reproduction of the same indifferent attitude of Comelec Regional Director Obsequio Evangelista's name is prominently written in some of the confiscated documents, that leads to a reasonable conclusion that the FALSIFICATION PROJECT in Lantaka Hotel is a Commission on Election Operation! And to further establish COMELEC's direct involvement is the participation of COMELEC Task Force Chief EVANGELISTA in facilitating the EARLY RELEASE of all suspects who were caught running away from the Hotel Rooms, leaving behind the FALSIFIED COMELEC FORMS!

In the light of all the foregoing, the much publicized INVESTIGATION ordered by the COMELEC is not only SUSPECT but highly DUBIOUS and QUESTIONABLE, seeing as we do that this most HEINOUS, SCANDALOUS and BRAZEN though aborted ATTEMPT to SUBVERT THE POPULAR WILL IN REGION IX - considering the MASSIVE USE OF ACCOUNTABLE AND OFFICIAL COMELEC FORMS - could not have been POSSIBLE without the KNOWLEDGE or CONSENT of the COMELEC COMMISSIONERS, whether individually or collectively! And this prompts us to raise the following QUESTIONS, to wit:

1. IF these SEIZED DOCUMENTS now in our custody are indeed AUTHENTIC and GENUINE COMELEC FORMS, is not the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS en banc GUILTY as a PRINCIPAL CULPRIT in this MASSIVE ATTEMPT TO SUBVERT POPULAR WILL AND RAPE DEMOCRACY in REGION IX? And possibly ALL THROUGHOUT THE NATION?

2. IF the seized documents are not AUTHENTIC and GENUINE, is not the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS equally GUILTY for NEGLIGENCE, INCOMPETENCE and INFIDELITY to the CONSTITUTIONAL TRUST reposed on it to safeguard the SANCTITY of our ELECTORAL PROCESSES in this country?

Whichever way these PREGNANT QUESTIONS are answered, - they will point to one INESCAPABLE CONCLUSION: that the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS is either in CONNIVANCE WITH THE FAKERS OR NEGLIGENT in apprehending the FAKERS and, therefore, COMELEC must have to CLEAR ITSELF of the gnawing SUSPICION in the PUBLIC MIND - that, one way or another, it should be held ACCOUNTABLE and RESPONSIBLE for this INFAMOUS LANTAKA-INCIDENT.

Under the circumstances of this case, the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS is hardly the independent and impartial body to conduct the INVESTIGATION. And in the light of the intriguing circumstances narrated above, one cannot help but feel apprehensive that so long as the COMELEC will itself be the entity to conduct this INVESTIGATION, wherein the COMELEC is to INVESTIGATE ITSELF, the LANTAKA-INCIDENT will turn out into the biggest WHITEWASH in the criminal history of our country!

In view of the foregoing, therefore, we feel that it now becomes the inescapable duty and responsibility of the Interim Batasang Pambansa, as the highest legislative body during the transition period, to take it upon itself to conduct its own independent investigation of this ELECTION-SCANDAL, not only in aid of legislation, but to get into the bottom of the whole MESS, if we are to refurbish the IMAGE of the REPUBLIC before an enraged and scandalized PUBLIC OPINION!

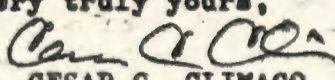
This serves, therefore, as a challenge to the Honorable Members of the Interim Batasang Pambansa to prove their mettle in the crucible of restoring our people's faith and confidence in our ELECTORAL PROCESSES - which assumes added significance and portent, considering that two months from now, the Filipino Nation will be faced by the First Presidential Election since the imposition of Martial Law in 1972 - and if nothing substantial is to be done, then the same group of COMELEC Commissioners will conduct and supervise the forthcoming Presidential Elections that may end up in another SCANDAL!

Also enclosed are documents seized during the raid consisting of: Exhibits "1", "2", "3" and "4" which are sealed envelopes containing fake plebiscite returns for Voting Centers Nos. 19-a, 19-b, 19-c and 19-e, all for Zamboanga City, with Serial Nos. 00549 for Voting Center No. 19-a; 00545 for Voting Center No. 19-b; 00547 for Voting Center No. 19-c and 00421 for Voting Center No. 19-e, and respectively sealed with Comelec Red seal with Serial Nos. 09047, 09064, 09057 and 09151. Also enclosed is FALSIFIED PLEBISCITE RETURN (Comelec Form No. 9 (Green) intended for Voting Center No. 2 of Libertad, Zamboanga del Norte, with Serial No. 05468.

Will the Interim Batasang Pambansa prove equal to this Challenge? Will it choose to ACT or DETRACT - on a serious crisis that threatens the very CREDIBILITY of our REPUBLIC?

The choice is yours! We are AVAILABLE for any congressional INQUIRY - but please do it BEFORE the EVIDENCE we confiscated is taken away from US! What is your CHOICE?

Very truly yours,


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The Dean
College of Law
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Dear Dean:

It should be an eternal credit and honor to the College of Law of the University of the Philippines that, by and large, the Presidency of our Country is rotated mostly among the Alumni of the College - Laurel, Roxas, Quirino and now Marcos. And among the outstanding Political Leaders of our generation are likewise Alumni of your College such as Tolentino, Salonga, Roxas, Dickson, Sumulong and Rodrigo to mention a few.

Likewise in the Judiciary and other important National Offices we have a long list of Alumni in the Government payroll - but, in the performance of their respective duties to Our Country and to Our People, more so under these times of National strain and stress, do they give Honor and Credit to their Alma Mater?

With the exception of a handful, I am afraid that History will judge the performance of most of the UP College of Law Alumni, currently in the Government Service, as way BELOW PAR, a shame and a disgrace both to their Alma Mater and to the Nation!

This letter is written because of the recently concluded Plebiscite on the Proposed Amendments to the 1973 MARCOS Constitution that are alleged to have been "RATIFIED" under massive FALSIFICATION of OFFICIAL COMELEC FORMS and RETURNS that we have UNCOVERED and SEIZED here in Zamboanga City right on Plebiscite Day, April 7, 1981!

We maintain that if an honest to goodness NATIONWIDE VERIFICATIONS are made of the Plebiscite Returns deposited in the Ballot Boxes, particularly the signature of the Officials of each Voting Center, and the Plebiscite Returns that were submitted to and canvassed by the respective Board of Canvassers, NATIONWIDE discrepancies of Signatures and Results would surface. However, such NATIONWIDE verifications will most likely be discarded by those in POWER because it will definitely end in an embarrassing situation that will DISCREDIT the KBL Administration and the entire Government of our Republic.

But having uncovered such a MASSIVE FRAUD here in Zamboanga City, for use in the Five Provinces and Four Cities of Region IX, it would no longer be necessary to undertake a NATIONWIDE VERIFICATION - because insofar as COMELEC integrity and Performance are concerned, it is NOT NECESSARY TO EAT THE WHOLE EGG TO KNOW IF IT IS ROTTEN!

For the Archives of the College of Law, University of the Philippines, and for such uses as the Students of Law in the preparation of their Term Papers, for Research purposes, or for Legal Treatises or Essays, enclosed you will find the following documents, to wit:

1. FOUR (4) Falsified Brown Envelopes (Comelec Form No. 18), bearing Serial Numbers 21591, 00436, 00444 and 21072, respectively sealed with Comelec Form No. 12, bearing Serial Numbers 09303, 09327, 09291 and 09340 all presumed to contain Plebiscite Returns for Zamboanga City's Voting Centers 52-C, 52-A, 52-B and J-4, which if opened and the Red Comelec Seals are broken, the Falsified Results would surely be in favor of the YES votes!
2. Plebiscite Returns (Comelec Form No. 9), the Green Print Copy for the Commission on Elections, intended for far away Voting Center No. 1 in Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte, bearing Serial Number 05003, showing 285 YES votes against 30 NO votes!

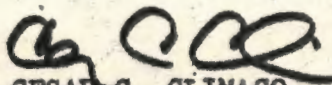
3. Registry Card No. 5838 for Rooms Nos. 256 and 258 of the Lantaka Hotel, Zamboanga City, where the Falsified Official COMELEC FORMS were recovered, and Registry Card No. 5868 for Room No. 249 of the same Hotel where one of the occupants of the aforesaid rooms ran to hide upon arrival of the Raiding Team. Note that in both Cards the initials L.T.P. are written, indicative that the L.T.P., or the Regional Autonomous Government is a party to fraudulent operation.

Also enclosed for a background setting of the Region IX Plebiscite Information Campaign conducted by the Office of the Mayor of Zamboanga City, is a set of Pre-Plebiscite Letters and Telegrams, consisting of fourteen (14) pages, written by the Mayor of Zamboanga giving his reasons for a NO vote.

And finally, also enclosed is another set of letters and telegrams written by the Mayor of Zamboanga City, to the President and other Government Officials charged with the duties and responsibilities for Investigating and prosecuting venalities in the public service, consisting of Sixteen (16) pages, dealing primarily on the uncovered FALSIFICATION OF OFFICIAL AND ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS which were seized at 11:00 A.M., of April 7, 1981, when the Nation was not even half-way in casting their ballots on the proposed amendments.

As there is an attempt to remove, by force, the evidence we recovered from the aforesaid rooms of the Lantaka Hotel, the sending of the enclosed portion of said evidence to your College will, in itself, be safeguarding part of the evidence for future use of Scholars and Historians. May God Bless our Country and People!

Very truly yours,


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Hon. Salvador B. Laurel
Member, Interm Batasang Pambansa
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Dear Mr. Assemblyman:

From the pages of the WE FORUM we learned how the TRUTH ABOUT THE JANUARY 30, 1980 elections in Batangas City can not be told yet despite the lifting of Martial Law. However, uncensored Batangueños have told us how they literally laid down their lives across the streets of Batangas to prevent the VEHICLES of the RAPISTS of DEMOCRACY from laying their dirty hands on the ballot boxes for hocus-focus operations that would have altered the results of the local elections.

Believe it or not - they tried to do an IMPROVED version of the same ELECTION EVIL in Zamboanga City last April 7, 1981. But we caught them red-handed with their pants-down, in their own air-conditioned COMELEC precincts at a downtown hotel where practically the results of all Region IX precincts were made to appear as having been received by the COMELEC Registrar as of 10:00 P.M., April 7, 1981 when it was only 11:00 A.M. when we CAUGHT THEM!

We are sending you a set of sixteen (16) pages of photographic reproductions of our telegrams and letters on the Hotel Raid we made, sent to the President and other National Officials who, in one way or another have much to do with the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses in the country and which will give you more details about the April 7, 1981 Lantaka Hotel Affair and the days immediately following.

We have sent a letter, pages 13 and 14 of the set mentioned above, to the Interim Batasang Pambansa, through the Speaker, with the hope that it will be taken up in that Body - unless, God Forbid! - they all end up in the waste basket! If the Waste Basket is the final repository of my letters, then it will prevent the entire assembly and the whole nation from knowing the TRUTH. BUT NOT IN ZAMBOANGA CITY AND THOSE WHO READ US. For we have made known what was only a SUSPICION before - THAT SOMETHING IS ROTTEN ABOUT PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS - is now a Reality, and this is proven by a JEEPLOAD OF EVIDENCE CONSISTING OF OFFICIAL AND ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS IN CRIMINAL HANDS occupying VIP Hotel rooms chargeable to the LOCAL AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT with the apparent KNOWLEDGE and even PROTECTION OF RANKING COMELEC OFFICIALS!

To enable you and other genuine Opposition Leaders in the Legislature to SPONSOR EFFECTIVE MEASURES to rid our elections of similar frauds and evil practices, bearing in mind that the same set of Commissioners of the Commission on Elections will most likely oversee another "election" next June, enclosed you will find a portion of the evidence of falsified documents that said COMELEC must have allowed, either knowingly or negligently, to fall into the hands of those who SCAMPERED away at our presence that April 7, 1981 at the Lantaka Hotel, to wit:

(1) Two (2) BROWN ENVELOPES (Comelec Form No. 18) with Serial Nos. 00510 and 14488 respectively, with Red Comelec Seal (Comelec Form No. 12) bearing Serial Nos. 09011 and 10682, the contents of which are presumed to be the PLEBISCITE RETURNS (Black Print for the Board of City or Provincial Canvassers) intended for Zamboanga City Voting Centers Nos. 57 and 59 respectively. (We have opened similarly sealed envelopes only to discover that they did contain PLEBISCITE RETURNS WITH OVERWHELMING YES VOTES supposedly tabulated as of 10:00 P.M. April 7, 1981, and yet it was only about 11:00 A.M. of the same day when we seized said COMELEC ACCOUNTABLE FORMS).

(2) Two (2) Green Print Comelec Form No. 9 intended for the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS for Voting Centers No. 2 in Dapitan City and Voting Center No. TU-1A in the rebel-infested barangay proper of Tuburan, Basilan Province bearing Serial Nos. 06421 and 05004 respectively. There were also results from such famous

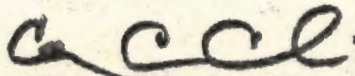
municipalities as PATIKUL, PATA, PANGUTARAN, PANAMAO - where in the IBP 1978 elections the Opposition also scored ZERO. According to the falsified returns seized, the NO's are still ZERO in that NO MAN's Lands where the Government BULLETS can hardly go to - hence, HOW can Government BALLOTS penetrate?

With the enclosed evidence in the hands of the Opposition in Congress, we expect a relentlessly active participation of the Opposition in effecting remedial measures to insure CLEAN, ORDERLY and PEACEFUL ELECTIONS in the Country!

Until we come up with a thorough investigation of this now infamous APRIL 7, 1981 PLEBISCITE FRAUD and a thorough revision of our election procedures, notably regarding ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS and OTHER MEASURES TO PREVENT TAMPERING OF RESULTS FROM THE PRECINCT LEVEL TO THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS - our friends fear that as an aspirant in the forthcoming Presidential elections, you are bound to suffer the same fate as your famous father in the hands of another Iloca-NO!

Where we are now and where the COMELEC is - do you think we are not merely allowing ourselves to be a party to another MANIPULATION not different from any of the referendum, plebiscite and election we have had under a ONE-MAN RULE?

Very truly yours,



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April 20, 1981

The Director
National Library and Museum
Metro Manila

URGENT

S i r :

This has reference to the recently concluded plebiscite on the proposed amendments to the 1973 Constitution that appears to have been "RATIFIED" under massive FALSIFICATION of OFFICIAL COMELEC FORMS and RETURNS that we have UNCOVERED and SEIZED here in Zamboanga City right on Plebiscite Day, April 7, 1981.

In connection thereto, for your archives and for such uses of students of history, as well as for research purposes, we are furnishing you herewith the following seized documents, to wit:

1. Plebiscite Returns (COMELEC Form No. 9), the Green Printed copy for the Commission on Elections, intended for Voting Center No. 82-A in Taluksangay, a coastal barrio in the East Coast of this city, bearing Serial No. 04617, showing 285 YES votes against 18 NO votes!

2. Plebiscite Returns (COMELEC Form No. 9), the Green Printed copy for the Commission on Elections, intended for Voting Center No. 52-A in Mariki, another coastal barrio in the East Coast of this city, bearing Serial No. 04786, showing 275 YES votes against ZERO for NO votes!

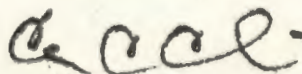
3. FOUR (4) Falsified Brown Envelopes (COMELEC Form No. 18), bearing Serial Numbers 13572, 00506, 00507 and 00548, respectively sealed with COMELEC Form No. 12, bearing Serial Numbers 09272, 09020, 09067 and 09040 all presumed to contain Plebiscite Returns for Zamboanga City's Voting Centers 59-A, 63, 63 and 63-B.

It is desired to be mentioned in this connection that all the enclosures mentioned hereinabove form part of the massive COMELEC Plebiscite Returns, with FALSIFIED entries, that we confiscated from Room Nos. 256 and 258 of the Lantaka Hotel, this city, at about 11:00 o'clock in the morning of April 7, 1981, just when the plebiscite-voting on the proposed Constitutional Amendments was about half-way through all over the country.

Since there is an attempt by the Philippine Constabulary to remove, by force, the evidence that we have recovered from the aforementioned rooms of the Lantaka Hotel, the sending of the enclosed portion of said evidence to the National Library and Museum will, in itself, be safeguarding part of the evidence for future use of Scholars and Historians. Also enclosed, and for the same purpose and uses, are two (2) sets of Telegrams and Letters we have written, to wit:

1. First set of 14 pages, giving our reasons for a NO vote; and
2. Second set of 22 pages dealing primarily on the denunciations we made relative the seized COMELEC Electoral Forms that were falsified.

Very truly yours,


Mayor

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April 20, 1981

Hon. Diosdado Macapagal
President, 1971 Constitutional Convention
Metro Manila

URGENT

Dear President Macapagal:

We are writing you this letter in your capacity as President of the re-convened 1971 Constitutional Convention for the purpose of acquainting you and the Con-Con Delegates with the massive FALSIFICATION OF PLEBISCITE RETURNS that we were able to uncover here in Zamboanga City on Plebiscite Day, April 7, 1981 at about 11:00 o'clock in the morning when voting on the proposed Constitutional Amendments all over the country was not even half-way.

In this connection, therefore, you will find enclosed the following documents, to wit:

1. Three (3) Green Printed Comelec Form No. 9 intended for the Commission on Elections, for Voting Center Nos. 82-C, 82-D and 82-E all in Taluksangay, a coastal barrio in the East Coast of this city, bearing Serial Numbers 04620, 04622 and 04624.

2. Three (3) Brown Envelopes (Comelec Form No. 18) with Serial Numbers 00502, 00513 and 00553, respectively, with Red Comelec Seal (Comelec Form No. 12) bearing Serial Numbers 09050, 09009 and 09192, presumed to contain the Plebiscite Returns (Black Printed copy for the Board of City or Provincial Canvassers) intended for Zamboanga City's Voting Center Nos. 64-A, 63-G and 63-I, respectively.

3. Xeroxed reproduction of the Lantaka Hotel Registry Card Nos. 5838 and 5868 in the name of Ramon Dimen and Co., occupants of Rooms 256 and 258, bearing the marginal notations that they were the "Guests of Assemblyman Bandaying", a close confidant of LTP Chairman Tugung and of Oscar R. Estrella and Co., occupants of Room 249 which is on the same floor with Rooms 256 and 258, with the annotation "c/o LTP" and that the bills therefor to be charged to the LTP and bearing a full signature believed to be that of LTP Chairman Tugung, respectively.

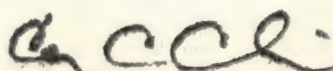
Also enclosed are two (2) sets of Telegrams and Letters that we have written, to wit:

1. First set of 14 pages, giving our reasons for a NO vote; and

2. Second set of 22 pages dealing primarily on the denunciations we made on the forged and/or falsified COMELEC forms that we seized in our raid of Lantaka Hotel Rooms 256 and 258 in the morning of April 7, 1981.

We feel that sending you a portion of the above-mentioned documents will in itself be a safeguard against the destruction of such evidence, since there is an attempt to remove, by force, the evidence we recovered from the aforesaid rooms of the Lantaka Hotel.

Very truly yours,


Mayor

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
CITY OF ZAMBOANGA

TELEGRAM FOR TRANSMISSION

ZAMBOANGACITY
APRIL 23, 1981

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April 23, 1981
5:35 p.m.

SENATOR GERARDO ROXAS
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HONEST TERMS

SHOULD THERE BE NO COMPLETE COMELEC OVERHAUL THEN FUTILE FOOLISH FOR
OPPOSITION FIELD SERIOUS CANDIDATE AND IT WOULD BE TO OUR LASTING
SATISFACTION NOT TO SERIOUSLY CONTEST PRESIDENCY BY FIELDING CRACKPOT
WITH NATIONAL OPPOSITION SUPPORTING HIM WITH ABSOLUTELY NO FUND
REQUIREMENTS YET WHOLE NATION WILL HAVE PLENTY OF FUN AT EXPENSE OF
KBL REGARDS

MAYOR CLINACO

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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ZAMBOANGACITY
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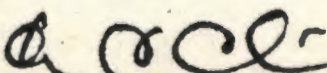
AMBASSADOR RICHARD MURPHY
US EMBASSY MANILA

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STEPHEN SOLARE AND JAMES JEFFORD AND SENATOR CHARLES PERCY MAKE SIDE TRIP
ZAMBOANGACITY AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES MASSIVE FALSIFIED OFFICIAL COMELEC
FORMS CONFISCATED BY ME TO RIG PLEBISCITE RESULTS IN FIVE PROVINCES AND
FOUR CITIES IN REGION NINE IN FAVOR OF YES VOTES A FRAUDULENT GOVERNMENT
OPERATION THAT JUSTIFIES PHILIPPINE OPPOSITION TO REFRAIN BEING WILLING
TOOLS IN FRAUDULENT POLITICAL EXERCISE REGARDS

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TELEGRAM FOR TRANSMISSION

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
CITY OF ZAMBOANGA

ZAMBOANGACITY
MAY 7, 1981

HONORABLE AMELITO MUTUC
51 TAMARIND ROAD
FORBES PARK MAKATI

HOW ARE YOU PROGRESSING IN YOUR SEARCH FOR CREDIBLE OPPOSITION CANDIDATE AGAINST PRESIDENT MARCOS?

IMPERATIVE FOR YOU LOOK FIRST FOR ACCREDITED POLITICAL PARTY THAT IS WILLING SUPPORT CREDIBLE CANDIDATE WHO WILL PLEDGE TO (1) NEVER APPOINT HIS WIFE HIS RELATIVES AND INLAWS IN ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICE (2) WHO WILL NOT ONLY WAIVE BUT COMPLETELY REPEAL PRESIDENTIAL IMMUNITY (3) WHO WILL PROSECUTE AND JAIL ALL BIG TIME CROOKS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE (4) WHO WILL REVAMP AND OVERHAUL COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (5) WHO WILL PERSONALLY MEET NEGOTIATE WITH ALL MILF AND NPA COMMANDERS TO FORGE NATIONAL UNITY AND RECONCILIATION (6) WHO WILL RELEASE ALL POLITICAL DETAINEES AND RESTORE THEM FULL CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND WORK FOR GOVERNMENT INDEMNITY FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUFFERED DAMAGES AND INJURIES UNDER EXCESSES OF MARTIAL LAW (7) WHO WILL RESTORE AND RESPECT RIGHT OF LABOR TO STRIKE (8) WHO WILL EARNESTLY PROVIDE LANDS FOR TILLERS AND HOMELOTS FOR THE HOMELESS AND CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE JOBLESS (9) REDUCE THE NATIONAL DEBT AND (10) RESTORE PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM UNDER 1935 CONSTITUTION

IF YOU CAN FIND AN ACCREDITED POLITICAL PARTY WILLING TO ACCEPT AND SUPPORT A CREDIBLE OPPOSITION CANDIDATE WHOSOEVER HE OR SHE MAY BE AND WHO IS WILLING TO ABHERE ABOVE TEN OBJECTIVES YOU CAN COUNT ON MY WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT REGARDS

MAYOR CLIMACO

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President
Mindanao & Sulu Pastoral Conference
Thru Bishop Jose Querexeta
Isabela, Basilan Province

URGENT

Your Excellency:

SEVENTEEN (17) days have already elapsed since April 7, 1981, when we apprehended, red-handed, massive quantities of Commission on Elections Official and Accountable Forms that had FALSIFIED Plebiscite Entries for use all over Region IX, and possibly also duplicated in other selected areas for NATIONWIDE USE that resulted in the "alleged" YES victory over the NO Votes, as per pre-plebiscite predictions made by President Marcos!

During these SEVENTEEN DAYS we have written to all of our Political Leaders, both in the Administration and in the Opposition, as well as to all National Offices charged with the duties of INVESTIGATION and PROSECUTION of Crimes, clamoring for POSITIVE and EFFECTIVE ACTION against the Persons and Government Entities responsible for this Massive FALSIFICATION of the People's ELECTORAL WILL - and all of our said letters and telegrams, a total of Twenty Four (24) pages, xeroxed reproductions of which are marked as "2nd Set", and enclosed for your ready reference, remained UNANSWERED to this day!

As we are now at the end of our wits from whom to seek assistance, we decided to enlist the support of our MORAL LEADERS as the issue of CHEATING the PEOPLE is Primarily a MORAL issue - hence this letter to you. Enclosed is a series of pre-plebiscite communications we have written to President Marcos and other Government Offices, consisting of FOURTEEN (14) Pages, marked as "1st Set", on page 6 of which is reproduced our April 3, 1981 telegram which we have sent to President Marcos, from Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte, wherein we stated:

"MY IMPRESSIONS VOTERS CONTACTED ARE BY AND LARGE OPPOSED TO PRESIDENTIAL IMMUNITY FOR LIFE FOR OFFICIAL ACTS AND TO INCLUDE YOUR ASSOCIATES AS BEING CONTRARY TO MORALS AND THEREFORE LEGALIZING ILLEGAL AND IMMORAL ACTS STOP . . . AS PRESIDENTIAL IMMUNITY FOR LIFE IS A GRAVE MORAL ISSUE THE ELECTORATE APPEARS MORE INCLINED TO FOLLOW THEIR MORAL INTELLECTUAL AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERS IN UTTER DISREGARD OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP HENCE NO VOTES MAY WIN UNLESS YOUR COMELEC CONSTITUTED COMMISSION CAN DO OTHERWISE REGARDS"

The apprehension we made at the Lantaka Hotel, this city, at about 11:00 A.M., of April 7, 1981, when the Plebiscite Voting all over the Nation was not even half-way through, appears to be a CONFIRMATION and a FULLFILMENT of our above PREDICTION that the "NO VOTES MAY WIN UNLESS YOUR COMELEC CONSTITUTED COMMISSION CAN DO OTHERWISE". The MASSIVE WITHDRAWAL of OFFICIAL & ACCOUNTABLE FORMS from the COMELEC STOREROOM could not have been done without the KNOWLEDGE and CONNIVANCE of the Commission on Elections or without its UNPARDONABLE NEGLIGENCE and INCOMPETENCE! Neither could there be an unauthorized EXACT PRINTING of OFFICIAL & ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS - if the COMMISSION were the ALERT, the DILLIGENT and TRUSTWORTHY Electoral Body that it is expected to be!

And, in the instant case of Massive Falsification of Official COMELEC Forms, when we CONSIDER the UTTER INDIFFERENCE of the Commission on Elections in cooperating with our investigations, its lack of SERIOUS CONCERN and PROPER ATTENTION to ASSIST IN THE APPREHENSION OF THE FAKERS, or even to INVESTIGATE MOTU PROPIO the UNCOVERED MISCHIEF and, thereafter take POSITIVE and EFFECTIVE ACTION to prosecute all OFFENDERS, we have the fulfillment, the realization of another PREDICTION we made in our letter of March 10, 1981 to the Regional Election Director for Region IX, wherein we said: "Marcos . . . will try to win at whatever cost - and to whatever extent the COMELEC COULD, for this PURPOSE, MAKE ITSELF WILLINGLY USEFUL"! (See last sentence of Page 10 of 1st Set Communications.)

In order to give your Excellencies a first-hand view of the documents that we seized, enclosed for your examination and such further action as your Excellencies may deem proper to take as MORAL LEADERS of our Country, are the following documents, to wit:

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(a) Four Brown Envelopes (Comelec Form No. 18), with Serial Nos. 00509, 14557, 21020 and 21589, respectively, all sealed with COMELEC RED PAPER SEAL (Comelec Form No. 12), bearing Serial Nos. 09069, 09081, 09080 and 09336, respectively, which envelopes are presumed to contain the PLEBISCITE RETURNS for Precincts Nos. 64-B, 64-D, 64-E and 64-H, all of Zamboanga City.

(b) Also enclosed are two (2) GREEN PRINT PLEBISCITE FORMS (Comelec Form No. 9), with Serial Nos. 04646 and 04774, containing FRAUDULENT results intended for Voting Centers Nos. 19-K and 5-B, in Zamboanga City.

(c) And finally also enclosed are RED COMELEC PAPER SEALS (Comelec Form No. 12) with Serial Nos. 11338, 11339, 11340 and 11341, still unused.

With the herein enclosures, as MORAL LEADERS of our Community, please help us in restoring MORALITY, DECENCY AND RECTITUDE in our Public Service, particularly in the CONDUCT OF PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS for it is wrong for a Citizen to CHEAT his Government, it is TREASON for the GOVERNMENT TO CHEAT ITS CITIZENS!

Very truly yours,

C. C. C.
CESAR C. CLIMACO

Mayor

TELEGRAM FOR TRANSMISSION

ZAMBOANGACITY
APRIL 23, 1981

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4/23/81

PRESIDENT MARCOS
MALACANANG MANILA

MASSIVE FRAUD UNCOVERED HERE APRIL SEVEN IMPERATIVE TOTAL OVERHAUL
OF PRESENT COMPOSITION COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS BECAUSE EITHER COMELEC
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HONEST TERMS

IF COMELEC IS NOT COMPLETELY OVERHAULED IT IS NAIVE FUTILE FOR
OPPOSITION TO FIELD SERIOUS CANDIATE TO CONTEST ELECTION

MAYOR CLIMACO

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Ustadz Jali Zain
Sta. Barbara Muslim Mosque
City of Zamboanga

April 24, 1981

Dear Ustadz:

RECEIVED ORIGINAL
ENCLOSURES - 4/24/81
JALI ZAIN
URGENT

Exactly seventeen (17) days have gone by since that infamous Lantaka Hotel incident where MASSIVE FALSIFICATION of PLEBISCITE RETURNS was uncovered and, yet, no results seem to be forthcoming on the various appeal letters and telegrams that we have written to the President and some national officials who, in one way or another, have much to do with the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses in the country.

To date we have written a total of six (6) telegrams and some eleven (11) letters, xeroxed reproductions of which are herewith being furnished you for background information in the hope that as one of the moral and spiritual leaders in the community, you may be able, in consultation with other Islamic religious leaders, to discuss among yourselves the magnitude of the problem that will confront us in the forthcoming presidential election and the steps that have to be adopted to forestall the recurrence of the April 7, 1981 Lantaka Hotel caper. For if such massive falsification can take place even during a plebiscite voting what can prevent the powers that be from trying to thwart the popular will in an election where the highest seat in government is at stake?

What was committed during Plebiscite Day on April 7, 1981 in Zamboanga City was a NATIONAL CRIME. It was a BETRAYAL of POPULAR WILL! Indeed while it is WRONG for the citizen to CHEAT the government, yet on the other hand it is TREASON for the GOVERNMENT TO CHEAT THE PEOPLE! It was not only a LEGAL offense, but a MORAL WRONG!

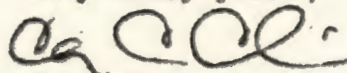
We ask you to assess the April 7, 1981 incident with the other moral leaders of your Faith because CHEATING BY THE GOVERNMENT has serious and grave moral implications. We ask you for your assistance, because it has been our observation that where grave moral issues are involved, our people are more inclined to FOLLOW their MORAL, INTELECTUAL and EDUCATIONAL LEADERS in UTTER DISREGARD of POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

In this connection, and by way of giving you first-hand opportunity to examine and evaluate the evidence gathered, we are also enclosing herewith xeroxed reproductions of the following documents, to wit:

1. Two (2) Green printed copy of Comelec Form No. 9, "Plebiscite Results" which is the copy intended for the Commission on Elections, for Voting Center Nos. 85 and 85-A all in Tictapul, Zamboanga City, bearing Serial Numbers 04489 and 04490;
2. Two (2) Brown Envelopes (Comelec Form No. 18) with Serial Numbers 00446 and 00449 respectively, with unbroken Red Comelec Seals (Comelec Form No. 12) bearing Serial Numbers 09332 and 09264, presumed to contain the Plebiscite Returns (Black printed originals for the Provincial/City Board of Canvassers intended for the city's Voting Center Nos. 64-H and 64-I, respectively);
3. Four (4) unused Red Comelec Seals (Comelec Form No. 12) with Serial Numbers 11342, 11343, 11344 and 11345; and
4. One (1) set of 14 pages of telegrams and letters, giving our reasons for a NO vote in the April 7, 1981 Plebiscite.

We need your help in our crusade to insure that Philippine elections in the future shall forever remain sacred and inviolate, and the true and free expression of our people's will!

Very truly yours,


Mayor



CESAR C. CLIMACO
City Mayor

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
CITY OF ZAMBOANGA

April 27, 1981

Minister Carlos P. Romulo
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Pedro Faura, Metro Manila

URGENT

Dear Minister Romulo:

It is but natural for man in old age to be near-sighted but for a man in the eighties like yourself, the reverse appears to be true. And such far-sightedness, we fear, may be embarrassing and distressing to the Office you hold as Foreign Minister of our Republic.

For in the April 10 issue of this year of ASIaweek, specifically on page 26 thereof, you manifested your unusual ability of far-sightedness when you, as Philippine Foreign Minister, blasted that the elections in far away Cambodia as "Fraudulent and unacceptable... an attempt to give false legitimacy to the Heng Samrin (government)".

But what have you to say about the April 7, 1981 Plebiscite Voting in your own HOME, in our Dear Philippines? Have you HEARD or READ about the MASSIVE discovery we made here in Zamboanga City at 11:00 A.M. of April 7, 1981, wherein LARGE Boxes of Official and Accountable COMELEC Forms were found to have FALSIFIED Plebiscite Returns, for use in 5 Provinces and 4 Cities of Region IX, recording overwhelming YES Votes over NO Votes? Regardless of what your answer is, enclosed is a portion of the FRAUDULENT EVIDENCE we recovered for your evaluation, to wit:

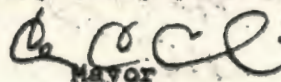
a.- Two (2) Brown Envelopes (Comelec Form No. 18), with Serial Nos. 00441 and 00499, all sealed with COMELEC RED PAPER SEAL (Comelec Form No. 12), bearing Serial Nos. 10688 and 09235, which Envelopes are presumed to contain the PLEBISCITE RETURNS for Precinct Nos. 64-P and 64-L all of Zamboanga City;

b.- Two (2) GREEN PRINT PLEBISCITE FORMS (Comelec Form No. 9), with Serial Nos. 04768 and 04608, containing FRAUDULENT results intended for Voting Center Nos. 5 and 85-A in Zamboanga City.

We were told that you were the keynoter at the recently concluded KBL Convention at the Manila Hotel. And altho we are no longer familiar with the embarrassing details of the charge made by the late Eminent Statesman Claro M. Recto of the reported Plagiarism inserted in an acceptance speech, wherein significant portions of a speech delivered by the late American President John F. Kennedy were appropriated, yet it may be a source of another embarrassing situation for the Government of CAMBODIA to know that the elections of 1978 where you were "elected" to the Interim Batasan Pambansa, over Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr., and others, is reputed and accepted to be the dirtiest Philippine elections ever held in our Home.

Before you press further your charges of Fraudulent elections in far away CAMBODIA, please take a little of your time to look into your own surroundings, the Lantaka Hotel caper in Zamboanga City of April 7, 1981 where MASSIVE COMELEC ACCOUNTABLE FORMS, were used in TAMPERING Plebiscite Returns to FRUSTRATE and SUBVERT the popular will and which MASSIVE FALSIFICATION of Comelec Accountable Forms we were able to uncover in Rooms 256 and 258 of the aforementioned hotel - a fraudulent operation that must have been of NATIONWIDE PROPORTIONS!

Very truly yours,


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President Ferdinand E. Marcos
Malacañang, Metro Manila

Dear Mr. President:

In connection with our repeated telegrams and complaint letters to you, the latest being dated April 16, 1981, sent to you through our City Administrator Rustico M. Varela and Rep. Roquito Ablan, we wish to inform you that the **CREDIBILITY** and **VALIDITY** of the forthcoming June 1981 presidential election will be **BELOW ZERO** unless all the Commissioners of the Commission on Elections are either **FIRED** or made to **RESIGN** as no one among them **CAN ESCAPE COLLECTIVE** or **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY** for all that transpired in Zamboanga City last April 7 - your lucky number - during the conduct of the plebiscite voting on the proposed amendments to the 1973 Constitution.

Mr. President, we have a very strong feeling that the **PRINCIPAL** and **PRIMARY PARTY** responsible for the April 7 **ELECTORAL MESS** in Zamboanga City is no other than the Members of the Commission on Elections itself whether collectively or individually and for which **ALL COMMISSIONERS** thereof, who, if they are **PATRIOTIC** and **HONORABLE** should voluntarily tender their respective resignations.

It was indeed very strange that notwithstanding our immediate telegraphic report to you on our discovery of massive electoral fraud that -

1.- Not one of the COMELEC Commissioners had the courage to face the music and come to Zamboanga City to see for himself the **BIG STINKING PILE** of COMELEC GARBAGE that we **FOUND** in Rooms 256 and 258 of Lantaka Hotel at 11:00 A.M., of Plebiscite Day, April 7, 1981 - **VERY DISGUSTING!**

2.- COMELEC Regional Director Manuel Obsequio and COMELEC Senior Executive Assistant, Atty. Antonio Evangelista refused to **JOIN** us in the raid of Lantaka Hotel Rooms 256 and 258 and both Comelec Officials appeared thereat only some 2 hours **AFTER** we have seized and confiscated the forged and/or falsified Plebiscite Returns and both immediately left the scene without even examining and inspecting the spurious documents, or have their picture taken with the **TRASH** - **VERY SUSPICIOUS!**

3.- The Hotel expenses for the **AIR CONDITIONED SURREPTITIOUS** Comelec Voting Center in Rooms 256 and 258 of the Lantaka Hotel, where all **MANIPULATIONS** of **ELECTION RETURNS** were made, as per xeroxed reproduction of the Lantaka Hotel Registry Card, are to be borne by and **PAID** with Government Funds disbursed by Lapong Tagapagpaganap Ng Pook of the **NINTH** Regional Autonomous Government amounting to some **P10,500.00** for only four (4) days or so of Stay - **VERY SUBVERSIVE!**

4.- Atty. Zoile Gomez, Chief of the COMELEC Law Division, came to Zamboanga City merely to pay a nocturnal courtesy call on us and after some 48 hours in Zamboanga City he hurriedly left for Manila without investigating us, my witnesses or going over the evidence we gathered - **VERY MYSTERIOUS!**

5.- The large quantity of Accountable COMELEC Forms recovered at the Lantaka Hotel must have left the Comelec Storeroom either **WITH** or **WITHOUT** the knowledge of the COMELEC Commissioners. In either case the Commissioners are either **GUILTY** of **CONNIVANCE**, if the Forms left with their knowledge, or are **GUILTY** of **NEGLIGENCE** if the Forms left the Comelec Storeroom without their knowledge - **VERY REPRISABLE!**

6.- If the documents we apprehended are **NOT** authentic COMELEC Forms, then the Comelec Commissioners are **GUILTY** of **INCOMPETENCE** for their **FAILURE** to discover the existence of **FAKE** Forms and/or for COMELEC'S **REFUSAL** to apprehend the Forms and the **FAKERS** - **VERY IRRESPONSIBLE!**

Hence, no matter from what angle or position we view the liability and/or responsibility of the Commissioners of the Commission on Elections, whether UPWARDS or DOWNWARDS; or FORWARDS or BACKWARDS; or INWARDS or OUTWARDS - the verdict is one of GUILTY! The COMELEC is MORALLY and LEGALLY GUILTY! And the only solution is the TOTAL REPLACEMENT of the Entire Commission - if the forthcoming June, 1981 Presidential Elections are to be FAIR, CLEAN, HONORABLE and BELIEVABLE!

The MASSIVE SUBVERSION of Popular Will in the April 7 Plebiscite in Zamboanga City, done with COMELEC CONNIVANCE and/or COMELEC NEGLIGENCE must have been NATIONWIDE - if we are to BELIEVE Metro Manila and other Provincial residents coming to Zamboanga City with stories that they ARE VERY MUCH SURPRISED why the YES Votes won in their Voting Centers when the entire NEIGHBORHOOD Voted NO!

Incidentally, with reference to the main story that was carried by the DAILY EXPRESS in its April 20th issue, particular attention being invited to the editor's note thereof apropos the use of the word "aggrupation", we wish to inform you that when we organized and named our party the CONCERNED CITIZENS AGGRUPATION we were fully aware that the word "aggrupation" is not found in any English dictionary. But considering that in your 1978 Election Code which is Presidential Decree No. 1296, approved on the 7th - your lucky number - of February, 1978, under Article 10, Section 15 found on page 7 - again your lucky number - the word "AGGRUPATIONS" was used and considering that it is from this Election Code that we lifted the word AGGRUPATION to use in naming our Party, please inform us if said word is FOUND in any ILOCANO DICTIONARY so that we can make the necessary explanations to the Editor of the Daily Express.

You COINED the word "AGGRUPATION" and we POPULARIZED it - so please by another Presidential Decree, have the word AGGRUPATION be made an accepted English word and impose the corresponding severe penalties for any English dictionary that is circulated in the Philippines without inserting the word AGGRUPATION. After all, you are now IMMUNE for Life - unless the April 7, 1981 Plebiscite is ANNULLED for being Fraudulent.

Lantaka Hotel
Zamboanga City, Philippines

(Part of Assemblyman Bandaying)

Very truly yours,

Cesar C. Climaco
CESAR C. CLIMACO
Mayor

No 5838 REGISTRY CARD

No 256-58
 REPUBLICAN DINER
 REPUBLICAN PARTY
 SOFROVID MANLAPAS
 Address: METRO MANILA
 City: LTP
 Length of stay: _____
 Issued: _____
 off No. of IAN: _____

REGISTRY CARD

5868
 Room No. 249
 MR. OSCAR R. ESTRELLA & CO
 Address: MANILA
 Length of stay: _____
 Issued: _____
 5-7-81

SETTLE THIS ACCOUNT WITH () CASH () CREDIT CARD
 END BILL TO _____
 Clerk _____ Time 6:05 Check _____

- 8 of Lantaka Hotel for April 7, '81. Will SETTLE THIS ACCOUNT WITH () CASH () CREDIT CARD
- Guest of Assemblyman BANDAYING, WHY? END BILL TO _____
- FAKE RETURNS found in Rooms 256-58. Clerk _____
- R. DIMEN & Co., Occupants of Rooms _____
- Business Address of DIMEN is LTP. WHY?
- O.R. ESTRELLA, occupant of Room 249, where one FAKER went to HIDE, is "c/o LTP". WHY?
- Hotel Bill for Room 249 to be PAID by the LUPONG (LTP). WHY?
- Pres. Marcos LUCKY NUMBER is Familiar Signature of LTP CHAIRMAN TUGUNG. WHY?

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Atty. Mary Concepcion Bautista
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Dear Mary:

Thank you so much for your generous thoughts of encouragement of which I also have received from a handful of friends - and the apathy on the part of many, is one reason that I refuse to attend UP Law Alumni Homecomings because I do not feel at ease with so many of our Law Alumni who are indifferent and unconcerned of their rights and duties as citizens in a democratic government. We can count with the fingers of one hand the Alumni that gives honor and glory to our Alma Mater like what Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma does and is still doing - and some of my classmates too, with you as one of them, and Dakila Castro. By and large the overwhelming majority of our Alumni are working only for their PERSONAL welfare and interest, singing laudatory praises to whosoever is in power!

It is my firm belief that the FRAUD and the CHEATING in the recently concluded plebiscite is NATIONWIDE - hence, the pre-plebiscite Prediction of Mr. Marcos that there will be a 4 to 1 YES "victory". I will not be SURPRISED if the Election Results for the Presidential Election in June has already been TABULATED and MANIPULATED as of today, and on June 16, there will be no ELECTION - but DISTRIBUTION of Manufactured Tabulations!

The COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, to me is the PRINCIPAL SUSPECT, if not the PRINCIPAL CULPRIT - for how can such a large quantity of OFFICIAL and ACCOUNTABLE forms leave the Comelec Storeroom without the KNOWLEDGE and/or APPROVAL of the Commissioners, either personally, or collectively? If with the Commission's knowledge - all are Guilty as Principals!

If the withdrawal of such enormous quantities of ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS left the COMELEC BODEGA/STOREROOM, without the KNOWLEDGE of the Commissioners, then the entire COMELEC is GUILTY for being NEGLIGENT and IRRESPONSIBLE in the performance of their duties and, therefore, cannot be relied upon to CONDUCT and SUPERVISE any future election - much less the forthcoming Presidential Elections in June!

In the remote possibility that the FORMS we have apprehended are not OFFICIAL COMELEC FORMS, yet the mere fact that COMELEC itself FAILED to DETECT, APPREHEND and PROSECUTE the offenders is another clear INDICATION of INCOMPETENCE of the entire Commission - justifying their REMOVAL or RESIGNATION immediately!

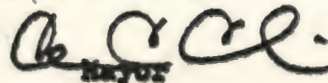
The EVIDENCE in my possession are as follows: (1) As Annex "A" is a reproduction of the Lantaka Hotel Registry Card for Room Nos. 256 and 258, in the name of RAMON DIMEN & Co., wherein the OFFICIAL & ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS were being FALSIFIED, SORTED and DISTRIBUTED. On its face is a handwritten notation that the Occupants are GUESTS of ASSEMBLYMAN BANDAYING, of the Regional Autonomous Government, otherwise known as the L.T.P. (Lupong Tagapagpaganap Ng Pook). The occupants arrived at the Hotel at 6:03 P.M., of April 4, 1981, and all are c/o of the LTP.

When we raided the aforesaid rooms, one of the occupants rushed into Room No. 249 for safety. The Hotel Registry Card of Room 249 shows that the use of the room is "c/o L.T.P.", and the Bill to be sent to the L.T.P. for payment, with the signature of the LTP Chairman affixed at the bottom of said Registry Card. With the Hotel Bills to be borne by the Government, it is evident that the FAKING OPERATIONS must be a GOVERNMENT PROJECT!

As Annex "B" is a reproduction of a large Brown Envelope whereon is written the name of RAMON DIMEN, one of the occupants of Rooms 256 and 258, with a handwritten notation to wit: "MEMO FOR CHAIRMAN BOB TOGONG - Re: Atty. Antonio Evangelista arrives ahead of Atty. Regalado; to lodge at LANTAKA". And why should Atty. Antonio Evangelista, who as per Annex "C" is the Sr. Executive Assistant of COMELEC, be associated with DIMEN & Co., the occupants of Rooms 256 and 258? WHY? And why did this Atty. Evangelista of COMELEC, along with COMELEC Regional Director OBSEQUIO REFUSA, to join with me in the RAID of Hotel Rooms Nos. 256 and 258? WHY? And, finally, as anticipated in Annex "B", Atty. Evangelista was billeted at the Lantaka Hotel! WHY?

For further background information of the Lantaka Hotel Mess enclosed are SETS of our communications, for your information and evaluation. Please pass on to Dakila and others some extra sets.

Very truly yours,


Mayer

Lantaka Hotel

By the Sea
Zamboanga City, Philippines

RC No. 5838 **REGISTRY CARD** ①

Room No. 256-258 ② Date 4/11/81

Miss RAMON DIMEN ③
 Mr. Explosion Victim
 Mrs. RODRIGO MANUAYAS Jr.

Home Address METRO MANILA

Business Address c/o L.T.P. ④

Occupation _____

Nationality _____ Length of stay 5 days

Passport No. or TAN _____ Issued at _____

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature

WILL SETTLE THIS ACCOUNT WITH () CASH () CREDIT CARD
 () SEND BILL TO _____

Desk Clerk AS Time 6:03A Check Out _____

c/o L.T.P. ①

Lantaka Hotel

By the Sea
Zamboanga City, Philippines

RC No. 5868 **REGISTRY CARD**

Room No. 249 ⑤
 Rate P. 190-

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Miss _____

Mr. OSCAR R ESTRELLA ⑥

Mrs. _____

Home Address MANILA

Business Address 22

Occupation BUSINESSMAN

Nationality PERUANO Length of stay _____

Passport No. or TAN _____ Issued at _____

on _____

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature

WILL SETTLE THIS ACCOUNT WITH () CASH () CREDIT CARD
 () SEND BILL TO L.T.P.

Desk Clerk _____ Time _____ Check Out _____

⑦ *[Handwritten Signature]*

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Legend For Lantaka Hotel Registry Cards Nos. 5838 and 5868:-

- No. 1.- Handwritten Notation that the Occupants of Rooms Nos. 256 and 258 are the "GUESTS OF ASSEMBLYMAN BANDAYING" of the Regional Autonomous Government, and who is a close Associate of Lupong Tagapagpaganap Ng Pook (L.T.P.) Chairman Ulbert Ulama TUGUNG. Why GUESTS of a Regional Assemblyman? Is there a PARTNERSHIP between the FAKERS and LAWMAKERS?
- No. 2.- Official and Accountable COMELEC PLEBISCITE FORMS were found in Rooms Nos. 256 and 258 occupied by R. DIMEN & CO.
- No. 3.- Ramon DIMEN and two others are the recorded occupants of Hotel Rooms Nos. 256 and 258.
- No. 4.- The Business Address of R. DIMEN & CO., in Zamboanga City is "L.T.P.". WHY? Why is the L.T.P. associated with the Occupants of Rooms Nos. 256 and 258 where ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS were falsified? WHY?
- No. 5.- Hotel Room No. 249, occupied by O. R. ESTRELLA, where one of the occupants of Rooms 256 and 258 ran into to hide when the raiders arrived at the Hallway of the Hotel, is also "c/o L.T.P." WHY?
- No. 6.- Hotel Charges for the occupancy of Room 249 is to be sent to the L.T.P., the Office of the Regional Autonomous Government. WHY? Why must the Government PAY for the Hotel Bills of those FALSIFYING OFFICIAL AND ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS? Is it because the FALSIFICATION is a GOVERNMENT OPERATION? Why the COOPERATION?
- No. 7.- Full Signature believed to be that of L.T.P. Chairman Ulbert Ulama Tugung, a PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEE who, inspite of the April 7 Massive Falsification, was PROMOTED to Assistant FLOOR LEADER in the April 25 KBL Presidential Convention at Manila HOTEL. WHY the REWARD? For MERITORIOUS SERVICES last April ?? Why must Mr. TUGUNG's signature be affixed on the Registry Card of the ALTERNATE ROOM where the Occupants of Rooms 256 and 258 are to HIDE and seek COVER? WHY?

TELEGRAM FOR TRANSMISSION

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MAY 8, 1981

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COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
M A N I L A

RELATIVE THE LETTER OF YOUR MANAGER LAW DEPARTMENT ATTY ZOILO GOMEZ TO ATTY VITALIANO AGAN DATED APRIL 22 PLEASE PERFORM YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES TO KEEP PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS CLEAN ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL BY CORRECTLY AND COURAGEOUSLY MOTU PROPIO OF YOUR OWN INITIATIVE INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY THE MASSIVE OFFICIAL AND ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS SEIZED BY MAYOR CLIMACO AT 11:00 AM OF APRIL SEVEN AT LANTAKA HOTEL ZAMBOANGACITY CONTAINING FALSIFIED PLEBISCITE RETURNS AND REFRAIN GIVING LAME EXCUSES THAT COMELEC CAN NOT ACT OF ITS OWN ACCORD BECAUSE COMELEC HAS NOT RECEIVED SWORN COMPLAINTS FROM MAYOR CLIMACO

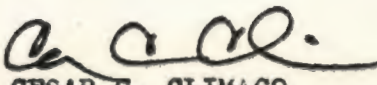
COMELEC'S INACTION INDIFFERENCE AVOIDANCE AND RELUCTANCE TO ACT ON UNCOVERED ELECTORAL FRAUDS MAY ONLY REVEAL OR BE INTERPRETED AS DEEP COMELEC KNOWLEDGE AND/OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE MASSIVE FALSIFICATION A SITUATION ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL REPUTATION FOR COMPETENCE AND DEDICATION OF EACH COMELEC COMMISSIONER AND DETRIMENTAL TO THE FAITH AND CONFIDENCE OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE IN OUR INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT UNDER PRESIDENT MARCOS WHOSE JUNE ELECTION YOU WILL AGAIN SUPERVISE

IN ANY CASE WHEN YOUR INVESTIGATOR ATTORNEY ZOILO GOMEZ CAME TO ZAMBOANGA CITY LAST APRIL NINE TO TEN AND IF HE IS DESERVING OF HIGH COMELEC POSITION THAT HE ENJOYS HE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN FROM THE CITY FISCAL THAT MAYOR CLIMACO HAS EXECUTED HIS SWORN CHARGES AT 10:00 PM OF APRIL SEVEN BEFORE CITY FISCAL HIMSELF IN PRESENCE OF COMELEC ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR WHO WAS THEN PRESIDING SESSION OF COMELEC CITY BOARD OF CANVASSERS THEN TABULATING CITY PLEBISCITE RETURNS WHICH SWORN CHARGES ALONG WITH THAT OF TWO OTHER WITNESSES WERE OFFICIALLY FORWARDED TO AND RECEIVED BY CITY FISCAL ON APRIL TEN

PLEASE THEREFORE DO YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES EVEN IF IT MAY EXPOSE YOUR DIRECT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPATION NEGLIGENCE OR INCOMPETENCE IN THE UNCOVERED ELECTORAL FRAUD CONSIDERING THAT YOUR PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL REPUTATIONS ARE AT STAKE STOP WILL YOU ACT OR WILL YOU DETRACT

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COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
MANILA

YOU MAY HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY BUT DO YOU HAVE MORAL COMPUNCTION TO DEMAND EXPLANATION FROM FIFTEEN THOUSAND METROMANILA VOTERS FOR THEIR FAILURE TO VOTE LAST APRIL 7 WHEN IN THE NOTORIOUS LANTAKA HOTEL RAID OF APRIL 7 WE UNCOVERED MASSIVE ELECTORAL FRAUD INTENDED FOR REGION IX AND THE COMMISSION ON ELECTION ITSELF APPEARS TO HAVE MISERABLY FAILED TO SHOW IMPARTIALITY COURAGE COMPETENCE DEDICATION EVEN RECTITUDE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES TO INSURE CLEAN ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL APRIL 7 PLEBISCITE?

HAS COMELEC SO SOON FORGOTTEN THAT FOR 33 DAYS NOW SINCE APRIL 7 IT REMAINED INDIFFERENT UNCONCERNED INACTIVE EVASIVE AND LUKEWARM APPARENTLY TOLERATING AND ABETTING THE MASSIVE FRAUD WE DISCOVERED IN TWO AIRCONDITIONED GOVERNMENT-FINANCED COLOM VOTING CENTERS IN SAID LANTAKA HOTEL THIS CITY WHEREIN JEEPNEYLOAD OF OFFICIAL ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS WERE SEIZED RECORDING FALSIFIED AND MANUFACTURED PLEBISCITE RETURNS FOR ENTIRE WESTERN MINDANAO SHOWING THAT AS EARLY AS ELEVEN MORNING OF APRIL 7 WHILE VOTING STILL GOING ON ALL OVER COUNTRY THERE WERE ALREADY TABULATED SOME 140,000 "YES" VOTES AS AGAINST ONLY SOME 35,000 "NO" VOTES?

IF RULE IS FIRST THINGS FIRST THEN BEFORE COMELEC CAN RIGHTEOUSLY DEMAND FROM SOVEREIGN PEOPLE TO EXPLAIN THEIR FAILURE TO VOTE LAST APRIL 7 COMELEC IS UNDER LEGAL AND MORAL DUTY TO FIRST EXPLAIN ITS OWN FAILURE FOR 33 DAYS NOW TO DISCOVER INVESTIGATE PROSECUTE AND JAIL ALL THOSE WHO FALSIFIED PLEBISCITE RETURNS ON OFFICIAL ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS IN THE AFORESAID SPURIOUS VOTING CENTERS OF LANTAKA HOTEL TO THE FULL SATISFACTION OF SOVEREIGN PEOPLE!

AFTER RADIO-TV BROADCASTS APPRISED ELECTORATE AT ELEVEN MORNING OF APRIL 7 THAT AT SAID TWO LANTAKA HOTEL ROOMS THE VOTING WAS ALREADY OVER AND THE "YES" VOTES WERE GALLOPING AT METEORIC SPEED TO VICTORY THE ELECTORATE IN ZAMBOANGACITY AND POSSIBLY ALSO THOSE WHO HEARD THESE BROADCASTS IN METROMANILA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY BECAME DISENCHANTED FURIOUS AND FELT CHEATED BECAUSE OF COMELEC'S FAILURE TO PROTECT SANCTITY AND INVIOABILITY OF SUFFRAGE.

HENCE IF THERE WAS POOR TURNOUT IN LAST APRIL 7 PLEBISCITE THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS PRIMARILY AND SQUARELY ON COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS FOR ITS UNEXPLAINED FAILURE TO BE ALERT AND/OR DEDICATED IN PERFORMING ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES.

IN THE FORTHCOMING JUNE 16 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS MANY COURAGEOUS AND INTELLIGENT VOTERS HAVE ALREADY MANIFESTED THAT THEY WILL EITHER BOYCOTT OR WRITE THE WORD "LANTAKA" FOR THEIR PRESIDENT ON THEIR BALLOTS ALL IN PROTEST AGAINST COMELEC'S FAILURE OR INDIFFERENCE TO HONESTLY INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO MASTERMINDED THE INFAMOUS LANTAKA HOTEL SPURIOUS VOTING CENTERS OF APRIL 7.

WILL GOD BLESS COMELEC COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL DERELICTIONS?

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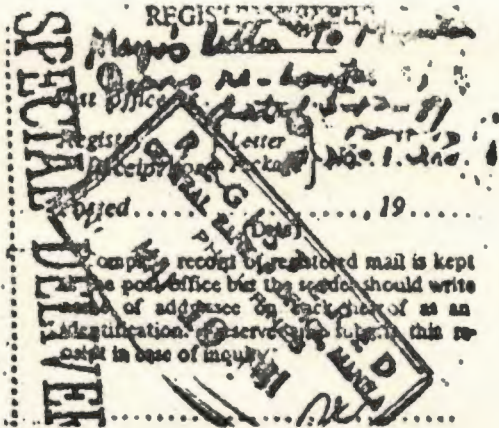
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Mayor

MAYOR CLIMACO

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CESAR C. CLIMACO
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
CITY OF ZAMBOANGA

May 12, 1981

The Minister of Justice
Hon. Ricardo C. Puno
Ministry of Justice
M a n i l a

Dear Minister Puno:

With reference to my speed airmail letter to you dated April 10, 1981 which, for some unexplained reasons or motivations, remained unanswered to this day, I am sending you herewith xeroxed copies of various letters I sent to the President; to the Chief PC; to the NBI Director; the Interim Batasang Pambansa; the Dean of the College of Law, UP; the Director of the National Library and Museum; the Religious Leaders of Region IX, both Moslems and Catholics; and to the Members of the Opposition in the IEP, after the Lantaka Hotel raid in Zamboanga City on Plebiscite Day, April 07, 1981, which established that:

- a.) Before the close of the voting on April 07, at 11:00 a.m., official and accountable election returns had already been falsified in two rooms of Lantaka Hotel;
- b.) Official and accountable Comelec papers, in huge quantities, were made use of;
- c.) The Regional Comelec officials were either silent or active participants in the mischief;
- d.) No outcry has been raised since April 07, 1981 to this 12th day of May by any or all of the Commissioners in the Commission on Elections over the loss of these official and accountable forms and documents; and
- e.) Please take a good look on the enclosed xeroxed reproductions of our two (2) telegrams to Comelec dated May 08 and 10, 1981, respectively, both of which are self-explanatory.

You are one of the brightest stars in the government today. Your record is still without blemish. Your former law students, your former associates in the Judiciary, the public all respect and admire you.

But how you will act on the matter of the Lantaka Hotel Plebiscite Day scandal in Zamboanga City will determine whether you are a 24-karat patriot and/or solid citizen or just one of the many good men willing to play the role of puppets to those in a position to promote their personal ambitions.

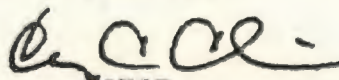
The Comelec is apparently deeply involved in this April 07, 1981 scandal. Do not rely on them to push through with the investigation to ascertain the facts. You alone are in the position to bring out the truth and ensure thereafter, for all time, the purity of Philippine elections -- and thereby contribute to the survival of Democracy in our country.

In this electoral scandal, please do not make me the investigator -- for I am just a mere witness. Your investigators should go out and get the facts for themselves, identify the perpetrators, gather the evidence, interview the witnesses, etc. in which effort I shall be most willing to cooperate.

I will reprint this letter and disseminate it for public information so that you may know that your reaction will be watched -- with the highest hopes by our people.

May God grant you courage and wisdom.

Very truly,


Mayor

NOTE: A retyped copy.



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May 27, 1981

Hon. Eduardo Romualdez
Philippine Ambassador to the United States
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Washington D. C. - 20036

Dear Ambassador Romualdez:-

Enclosed you will find three copies of self-explanatory telegrams we sent to Congressman Ablan in the Philippines, the latest having been sent yesterday, May 26, from your Embassy while you were reportedly out of town. After briefing Minister Leonides T. Caday on the reasons for my being unexpectedly here in the United States, I further informed him of my purpose of visiting you at the Embassy, which is: To solicit for your personal assistance in my efforts to secure from President Marcos a clearance for me to proceed and confer, at government expense but informally and in my personal capacity, with MNLF Chairman Nur Misuari for the purpose of exploring ways and means by which we can make Zamboanga City the "Switzerland of Mindanao" - by terminating all forms of TERRORISM and KIDNAPPINGS in my City, which the Military Establishment claims to be activities of the MNLF; and my trip to coincide with the forthcoming trip of Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr., to Saudi Arabia in the near future.

It is my feeling that more than Congressman Ablan, you are in a better position to do some arm-twisting in getting from President Marcos the desired imprimatur for my trip to Chairman Misuari. Meeting and exchanging views with our Leading Philippine Dissenters here in the United States and elsewhere, is the only worthwhile activity for me to undertake in my current trip abroad - hoping that these contacts, informal as they may be, may lead to more and better understanding, sincerity and reconciliation between those of the New Society of President Marcos and those of us who are in the Opposition. We, all of us, are not getting any younger, and the earlier we can restore Sincerity, Normalcy and Unity in our Country, the better will life be for our People. Is there any possibility for some assistance from your Quarters?

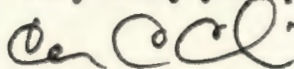
Senator Aquino, as expected by some Embassy personnel, did appear at the Embassy yesterday morning, some thirty minutes after I arrived - apparently to get revalidated passports of some members of his family. Although he appears to be "The Most Wanted Man In The Philippines Today", next to me I suppose, yet he and I were eager to meet you personally - but as we were told that you were out of town, your absence denied me of the privilege to witness and observe the movements and reactions of two men, the MOST WANTED and the MOST LOVED, meeting face to face in a foreign land! However, I foresaw that the Meeting would have been effected under an atmosphere of cordiality and civility, befitting the education and statemanship of both, courtesy and politeness being essential ingredients for political Reconciliation, Unity and Normalization in our troubled and greiving Land!

Incidentally, in his conversations with Minister Caday and Minister Pacifico A. Castro at the Embassy yesterday morning, a very sour note struck me when Senator Aquino narrated his sad experience in Saudi Arabia when he was repeatedly denied the opportunity of meeting personally our Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Loyte Governor "Kokoy" ROMUALDEZ - who merely sent Minister Diaz to the Saudi Airport to meet the Senator, shortly before departure! Was there a deliberate SNUB? Snub or Not, it certainly was an UGLY ACT!

For the "Most Wanted" to have missed the two "Most Loved" in their Official Stations, in two Philippine Embassies, in two Different Continents, and both sur-named ROMUALDEZ - is too uncomfortable to be treated as PURE COINCIDENCE. But whether a Deliberate COINCIDENCE or NOT, let not these two incidents be a cause for National Reconciliation, Unity and Normalization to be a FAR DISTANT PHILIPPINE DREAM!

Copies furnished;
President Marcos
Senator Aquino
Governor Romualdez

Very truly yours,


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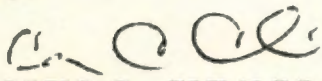
CONGRESSMAN ABLAN
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PHILIPPINES

May 26, 1981

AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ OUT OF TOWN HENCE AYE REITERATE
MY EARLIER REQUEST FOR YOU GET CLEARANCE FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS
FOR MY TRIP WITH SENATOR AQUINO TO UNOFFICIALLY CONFER WITH
CHAIRMAN MISUARI RELATIVE PEACE AND ORDER CONDITIONS IN
ZAMBOANGA CITY REPLYING ME AT MY FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS ILLINOIS
ADDRESS REGARDS

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Washington, D.C.

May 20, 1981

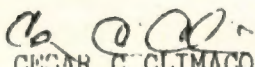
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ENDLESS URBAN TERRORISM AND KIDNAPPINGS IN MY CITY WHICH HOPEFULLY MAY
LEAD TO MORE DIALOGUE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MNLF AND OUR GOVERNMENT

HENCE PLEASE WIRE 807 LINCOLN HIGHWAY FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS ILLINOIS 62208 IF
AYE HAVE CLEARANCE FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS REGARDS

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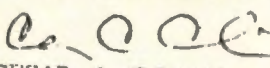

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May 18, 1981
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CONGRESSMAN ROQUITO ABLAN
16 VICTORIA STREET
MAGALLANES VILLAGE
MAKATI RIZAL PHILIPPINES

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING MET MANGLAPUS CHICAGO AND TALKED AQUINO LONGDISTNAGE
WHO WILL SEE MISUARI AGAIN SOON SO PLEASE GET CLEARANCE FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS
FOR ME ALSO CONFER MISUARI WITH AQUINO WIRING YOUR REPLY 807 LINCOLN HIGHWAY
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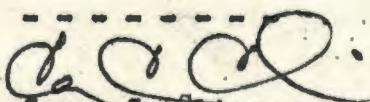
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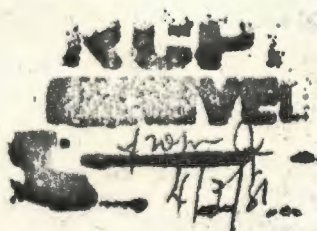
APRIL 7, 1981

PRESIDENT FERDINAND E MARCOS
MALACAÑANG METRO MANILA

WHAT CAN YOU SAY TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE AND THE ENTIRE WORLD ON THE INCONTROVERTIBLE PROOF WE UNEARTHED IN ZAMBOANGA CITY THE FACT AT ELEVEN THIS MORNING IN ROOMS 256 AND 258 HOTEL LANTAKA THIS CITY IN PRESENCE OF CITY FISCAL ANASTACIO AND ZAMDISCOM OFFICERS AYE PERSONALLY APPREHENDED AND CONFISCATED COMPLETE MANUFACTURED ELECTION RETURNS ALREADY SEALED AND SIGNED BY ELECTION REGISTRARS CONCERNED COVERING ALL VOTING PRECINCTS OR CENTERS IN ZAMBOANGA CITY COMA ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR COMA ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE COMA BASILAN COMA SULU AND TAWITAWI ALL COMPRISING ENTIRE WESTERN MINDANAO STOP AFORESAID ROOMS REGISTERED IN NAME OF ATTY RAMON DIMEN ALLEGEDLY FROM OFFICE OF FORMER COMELEC COMMISSIONER BEN YANEZA NOW YOUR PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS WITH NOTATION HOTEL BILLS TO BE CHARGED TO LUPONG TAGAPAGPAGANAP NG POOK OF REGION NINE AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT STOP PROOF OF COMELEC MYSTERIOUS INVOLVEMENT IS REFUSAL OF COMELEC REGIONAL DIRECTOR OBSEQUIO AND TASKFORCE HEAD ATTY EVANGELISTA TO ACCOMPANY ME IN RAID AND APPEARED ONLY TWO HOURS LATER BUT LEFT IN A HUFF WITHOUT TAKING ANY OFFICIAL ACTION APPARENTLY TO AWAIT MALACAÑANG OR COMELEC-MANILA INSTRUCTIONS STOP IF THIS HAPPENED IN ZAMBOANGA CITY AND WESTERN MINDANAO THESAME MUST BE HAPPENING THROUGHOUT COUNTRY SO THAT ENTIRE FILIPINO NATION AND THE WHOLE WORLD NOW WILL REALIZE YOUR PLEBISCITE AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON JUNE SEVEN ARE LUTONG MACOYS THRU WHICH YOU WILL PERPETUATE ONE-MAN RULE AND ESTABLISH YOURSELF PRESIDENT-FOR-LIFE THRU RAPE OF PHILIPPINE DEMOCRACY AND FRUSTRATION OF POPULAR WILL IN OUR BENIGHTED REPUBLIC STOP MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOULS

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APRIL 8, 1981

PRESIDENT MARCOS
M A N I L A

IN CONNECTION WITH THE RAID OF TWO ROOMS AT LANTAKA HOTEL YESTERDAY NOON AYE AM VERY HAPPY TO LEARN FROM CONGRESSMAN ROQUITO ABLAN THIS AFTER-NOON YOUR DETERMINATION TO PROSECUTE PUNISH ALL INVOLVED IN FALSIFYING AUTHENTIC COMELEC FORMS THAT WOULD HAVE PERVERTED PLEBISCITE RESULTS ALL OVER REGION NINE TO ADVANTAGE OF YES VOTES AT THE RATIO OF SEVEN TO ONE STOP WHILE EVIDENCE GATHERED IMPLICATE TOP OFFICIALS OF REGIONAL AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT BY TELTALE ANNOTATIONS ON REGISTRATION CARDS SHOWING ALL HOTEL BILLS OF FAKERS TO BE CHARGED TO LTP WITH COMELEC REGIONAL DIRECTOR MANUEL OBSEQUIO LOOKING OTHERWAY YET WE ARE MOST DISTURBED BY COLONELS MARIANO IMPERIAL AND ROMEO ABENDAN OF GENERAL CIRILO BUENO'S STAFF WHO SOME TWO HOURS AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL RAID APPEARED IN FRESHLY IRONED UNIFORMS AND DEMANDED THAT WE TURN OVER TO THEM ALL DOCUMENTS SEIZED WHICH WE REFUSED BECAUSE GENERAL BUENO'S STAFF DID NOT INITIATE COOPERATE OR PARTICIPATE IN OUR OPERATIONS AND MOREOVER ALL NOT BEING LAWYERS ARE INCOMPETENT TO EVALUATE EVIDENCE GATHERED AND MAY ONLY DESTROY RATHER THAN PRESERVE SAME STOP

WHAT DISTURBS US FURTHER IS THAT WHILE CONGRESSMAN ABLAN WAS IN CONFERENCE WITH ME AND OTHER OPPOSITION LEADERS ON PLANS ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY PROSECUTE ALL FAKERS WE LEARNED THAT APPARENTLY IN RETALIATION GENERAL BUENO'S CIS AGENTS FULLY ARMED AT COMPANY STRENGTH PLANTED PHOTOGRAPHED AND HARVESTED SUBVERSIVE MATERIALS AT THE RESIDENCE OF MY BROTHER JOSE CLIMACO AND WHEN MY BROTHER ARRIVED AND CONFRONTED THE BUENO AGENTS ALL REFUSED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES AND TIMIDLY ONE BY ONE RETREATED AND HURRIED AWAY WITH THEIR PLANTED PROPAGANDA WITHOUT EVEN HAVING THE COURTESY OF SAYING GOODBYE FOR THE INTRUSION MADE OR AT LEAST IN ARRESTING MY BROTHER FOR THE PLANTED SUBVERSIVE EVIDENCE IN HIS RESIDENCE STOP

MY BROTHER PROCEEDED TO GENERAL BUENO FOR CONFRONTATION ON THE INTRUSION BUT BUENO SIMPLY TOLD MY BROTHER THAT HE HAS THE PLANTED EVIDENCE BUT NO ARRESTS WOULD BE MADE BECAUSE THEY ARE FRIENDS COMA AN ATTITUDE THAT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH OFFICIAL RECTITUDE AND DEVOTION AND MAY ONLY LEAD TO EXTORTION STOP

NO WONDER MISTER PRESIDENT WE HAVE ENDLESS KIDNAPPINGS SMUGGLINGS GAMBLINGS KILLINGS ETCETERA ETCETERA IN ZAMBOANGA CITY AND WE REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE MEASURES BE IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO RESTORE SANITY IN THE PC REGIONAL COMMAND SO THAT OUR LAWS CAN BE ENFORCED WITH JUSTICE HONOR AND DECENCY
REGARDS

MAYOR CLIMACO

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Maj. Gen. Fidel Ramos
Chief of Philippine Constabulary
Camp Crame, Quezon City

URGENT

General Fidel Ramos:-

The performance of your Commanding General and his staff here in Region IX with Headquarters in Zamboanga City, has much to be desired, to wit:

a. General Bueno and his Staff may not only be TOLERATING, but could possibly be the PLANNERS, in FALSIFYING SPOT REPORTS and/or PLANTING EVIDENCE to harrass citizens, as may be gleaned from the following incidents:

1. On July 23, 1980, in our 5th Complaint to the President, xeroxed reproduction enclosed, we have, in great detail, narrated the RETALIATORY FALSIFIED REPORT of your Regional Command here in Zamboanga City, SMEARING the Mayor. In the concluding paragraph of said letter to the President we said: "HENCE, IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE FALSIFIED REPORT ABOVE QUOTED BE ACERTAINED AND PUNISHED." - whether the said author has been ascertained and/or punished by you, I am not aware; and
2. Yesterday, April 8, 1981, we have sent a Telegram to the President, xeroxed reproduction enclosed, reporting the PLANTING OF EVIDENCE at the Sta. Maria residence of my Brother, Atty. Jose C. Climaco, by a team of General Bueno's Command, a planting that was obviously done in retaliation for our Raid of the FALSIFIED PLEBISCITE RETURNS at the Lantaka Hotel, this city, on April 7, 1981, which raid normally, should have been done, but failed to do (Why?) by General Bueno's Command as Deputy of the COMELEC. The Planting of Evidence in my brothers residence may also be in retaliation to our VIGOROUS and PUBLIC REJECTION of the Demands made by General Bueno's Staff that we turn over to them the FALSIFIED COMELEC RETURNS.

The more Your Command remains INACTIVE and/or INDIFFERENT to our COMPLAINTS against the performance of General Bueno's Command here in Zamboanga City, the More Abuses the General Bueno Command will inflict upon the Citizenry - for if General Bueno's Command can falsify and plant evidence against the Mayor of Zamboanga City, how much easier can the General Bueno Command do identical things on the citizenry as a whole?

b. The OBNOXIOUSLY POOR MANAGEMENT of the City Jail by the General Bueno Command is highly reprehensible. Your letter of March 30, 1981, informing me of the action you took on our letter (telegram) to the President of December 3, 1980 reporting that "UNDER THE PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY AND INTEGRATED NATIONAL POLICE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY JAIL HAS BROKEN ALL RECORDS FOR JAIL BREAKS" appears not to have been given proper attention and concern by the General Bueno Regional PC Command!

Why? Our letter to the President dated February 18, 1981, a copy of which we furnished to you by Air Mail, and also to General Bueno and Col. Abendan, we stated among others that:

"Mortimer also told us that he managed to escape to Zamboanga City from the PC Stockade in Camp Crame, where he had been under detention, because of the assistance of his uncle, Col. Ostacio Purugganan".

In a letter dated February 24, 1981, to Col. Abendan, xeroxed reproduction also enclosed, we made it clear that "pressures might be applied to facilitate the escape of Mortimer from the City Jail. . . and should Mortimer manage to escape from the City Jail, we want to make it of record, here and now, that at least we know that you know how his escape had been effected."

And notwithstanding our Written Warnings to General Bueno's Command, Mortimer Marcelo, of Celeste Gang fame, ESCAPED from the City Jail on April 2, 1981! HA! HA!

c. KIDNAPPINGS are now ordinary events in Zamboanga City - where VICTIMS are made to pay RANSOM - but the Press Releases coming from General Bueno's COMMAND CLAIM THAT THE VICTIMS ALL ESCAPED and/or RELEASED without monetary considerations.

d. SMUGGLING of Blue Seal Cigarettes remains UNABATED during all these General Bueno Days.

e. DRUG ADDICTION is the on the MARCH! Is Drug Addiction with General Bueno's Benediction?

f. GRENADE BOMBINGS remain UNSOLVED under General Bueno's Administration.

g. GAMBLING is rampant right in the premises of the PUBLIC MARKET and our appeals for action has repeatedly fallen on DEAF PC-INF Ears- hence, even WHAH-HOY is still the lucrative business for the operators and the law-enforcers.

As COMELEC DEPUTY, enclosed you will find for your record, part of the Massive Evidence we confiscated last April 7, 1981, from Lantaka Hotel, to wit:

- a. Comelec Envelope, Form No. 18, with Serial Number 00425, probably containing Plebiscite Return for Voting Center No. 5-B, Zamboanga City, with Comelec RED SEAL affixed and intact bearing Serial No. 09247;
- b. Two (2) Comelec Forms No. 12, RED PAPER COMELEC SEALS with Serial Nos. 11336 and 11337, both unused; and
- c. Comelec Form No. 9, COMELEC GREEN COPY of the Plebiscite Return for Voting Center No. 52-C, Mariki, Zamboanga City, showing 285 YES votes against 72 NO votes.

We are forwarding these evidentiary documents to you, for you to personally assess the character and the integrity of the evidence we have seized, as against the so-called "Comelec Tally Sheets" that were PLANTED by General Bueno's PC Team at the residence of my brother, Jose C. Climaco, at the precise time when Congressman Roquito Ablan was in conference with some Opposition leaders and me in my residence, - planning and discussing with Congressman Ablan on how best to proceed with the disposition of the Lantaka Hotel Raid.

It is obvious that Under General Bueno's Command much is to be desired. What is your SOLUTION? The more you DELAY the more the RESIDENTS will suffer!

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the President, the Commission on Elections, the Minister of National Defense, the Ministry of Justice, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces for their information and such further action as they may deem proper to take to insure GOOD GOVERNMENT for our people. This letter is being sent by SPEED AIR MAIL to insure its PROMPT DELIVERY.

Very truly yours,

Cesar C. Climaco
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Comelec Form No. 12

COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
1981 NATIONAL PLEBISCITE

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Chairman

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The Minister of Justice
Hon. Ricardo C. Puno
Ministry of Justice
Manila

URGENT

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your two URGENT telegrams yesterday, the first urging me to proceed to Manila for conference, the second, countermanding the first, because it was agreed with Comelec Chairman Santiago that, for the present, the matter be left ... to the Comelec".

All Metropolitan papers have given prominence to the PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE or REQUEST to the Comelec that the incident be thoroughly investigated and the metropolitan papers also reported that a certain Atty. Zoilo Gomez, Chief of the Comelec Law Department, is the investigator. Several local newsmen came to me yesterday inquiring if said Atty. Gomez has already seen and/or conferred with me and my answer is NEGATIVE. The said newsmen allege that said Atty. Gomez is already in town. If true that said Atty. Gomez is already in town, then it is indeed very surprising, why up to this time I was denied the opportunity to personally meet him.

For your information and record, while said COMELEC investigator is busy elsewhere, the local PC REGIONAL COMMAND under General Cirilo Bueno, Jr., is BUSY FABRICATING EVIDENCE against me and my family by making it appear that the whole MESS we apprehended at the Lantaka Hotel on April 7, 1981, Plebiscite Day, is actually an operation of the OPPOSITION, out to discredit the Administration. General Bueno's Operatives, planted subversive materials at the residence of my younger brother, Atty. Jose C. Climaco, on the afternoon of April 8, 1981, which later on was expanded to include COMELEC TALLY SHEETS!

Citizens of your age are aware that in previous scandalous incidents involving the President, more particularly the following:

- a. GOLDEN BUDDHA case the Complainant Rogelio Roxas, by manipulations of the predecessors of your Ministry, became the Accused; and
- b. The Venerable and Honorable EDUARDO QUINTERO, who exposed the massive BRIBERY of Con-Con Delegates with FAT ENVELOPES distributed in Malacañang, and who also by the same manipulation of your predecessors, became the Accused.

If under a government of laws that we had in the Rogelio Roxas and Eduardo Quintero days, the Accusers became the Accused, how much more easy it would be these critical and abnormal days of one Man Rule? Congressman Roquito Ablan was here in the afternoon of April 8, the day following the Plebiscite, and gave me the assurance of the President's determination to punish the FAKERS caught on April 7, 1981 - but considering the ACTIVITIES of PC General Bueno, Jr., and the mysterious whereabouts of COMELEC Atty. Gomez, it would not be long when Mayor Climaco of Zamboanga City and his family are not only SMEARED by Government Operatives but also DETAINED - hence this WARNING LETTER to you this early, PREDICTING the ultimate FATE of those who FIGHT FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT under a regime that has all the badges of DICTATORSHIP!

To prevent TAMPERING of EVIDENCE by General Bueno's Command and/or by the COMELEC, who should perhaps be the PRINCIPAL RESPONDENT in this case, for having allowed MASSIVE COMELEC ACCOUNTABLE FORMS TO FALL IN CRIMINAL HANDS, possibly not only in Zamboanga City, but throughout the Nation, enclosed are the following:

1. ENVELOPE FOR PLEBISCITE RETURNS, Comelec Form No. 12, with Serial Number 00432, and SEALED with COMELEC RED SEAL, Comelec Form No. 12, with Serial Number 09021, said affixed RED SEAL being INTACT or UNBROKEN, WHEREIN MUST BE Plebiscite Return, Comelec Form No. 9, for Voting Center No. 5, Zamboanga City, Region IX, as written on said Envelope;
2. Two (2) UNUSED COMELEC RED SEALS, Comelec Form No. 12, bearing Serial Number 11334 and 11335;
3. Comelec Green Copy of Plebiscite Returns, with Serial Number 04779, intended for Voting Center No. 52, Mariki, Zamboanga City, showing 285 YES votes against 0 (zero) NO votes,

All of which enclosures are part of the items that we have confiscated at the Lantaka Hotel last April 7, 1981 at about 11:00 a.m. Please take note that the enclosed Envelope, with Serial Number 00432, is made to appear to have been received by the Election Registrar at 11:40 p.m., April 7, 1981, when said Comelec Envelope was already in our possession since 11:00 a.m., of April 7.

Considering that the Signatures affixed in the PLEBISCITE RETURNS in the enclosed Envelope, are FICTITIOUS, and definitely are not the signatures of Chairman, Poll Clerk and Third Member of Precinct No. 5, Zamboanga City, then the Ministry of Justice can directly, or through a reliable and independent investigating staff, retrieve all other Plebiscite Returns in Suspected Areas around the Country and determine if the signatures in the questioned Plebiscite Returns are genuine and authentic by contacting the Precinct Officials themselves, or compare said signatures with the payroll signatures of the teachers involved.

Before closing, what steps can the Ministry of Justice take to prevent the Command of General Bueno, Jr. to:

- a. Continue the PLANTING of Evidence on the Accusers/Complainants; and
- b. ASSASSINATE the Accusers/Complainants, as what happened to Dingcong, and others.

We are just wondering if COMELEC Law Department Investigator Zoilo Gomez, now in Zamboanga City, is INVESTIGATING, COORDINATING, COOKING or WHITEWASHING, as we know not where he is!

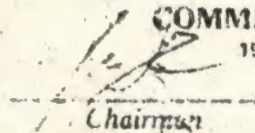
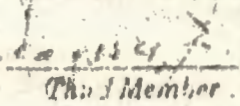
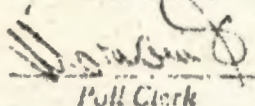

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the President, the Chairman, Commission on Elections, the Minister of National Defense, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, the Chief, Philippine Constabulary and the Solicitor General for their information and such further action as they may deem proper to take to insure GOOD GOVERNMENT for our people. This letter is being sent by SPEED AIR MAIL to insure its PROMPT DELIVERY.

Very truly yours,

Cesar C. Climaco
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Mayor

Quarter Form No. 12

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1981 NATIONAL PLEBISCITE

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President Ferdinand E. Marcos
Malacañang, Manila

URGENT

Mr. President:

It was a very fruitful conference we had with Congressman Ablan on how best to comply with your determination to get into the bottom of this unprecedented wholesale apprehension of massive COMELEC ACCOUNTABLE FORMS for use in tampering Flebiscite results in Region IX, which includes Zamboanga City, - to frustrate and subvert the Electoral Will.

While we respected your wishes that no undue and premature exposure by publicity of those involved should be made, - your LTP Chairman Ulbert Ulama Tugung, feeling high and mighty in the hierarchy of your Administration, and using his position and influence to bamboozle members of the local print and Radio-TV media, have proclaimed to the whole world that the massive FRAUDS we frustrated, discovered and apprehended at the Lantaka Hotel - "was the work of the OPPOSITION and SUBVERSIVES who are out to discredit your Administration."

Mr. President, Mr. Tugung is both right and wrong: Wrong, because it is not the work of the Opposition who absolutely has no access to enormous and massive quantities of Accountable Official COMELEC FORMS used by the FAKERS to falsify election returns in Rooms 256 and 258 at Lantaka Hotel. Right, because Mr. Tugung seemed to have hit the nail on the head when he alleged this was the work of SUBVERSIVES - because we feel certain that if the culprits are finally and definitively pinpointed and identified, their HEADS should be made to ROLL since it is the LIFE and SOUL of Philippine Democracy which they are seeking to destroy.

We suggest, therefore, that you seek the invaluable assistance of Chairman Tugung in ascertaining and identifying WHO these SUBVERSIVES are, because:

1. Mr. RAMON DIMEN and two others who were occupying Rooms 256 and 258 at Hotel Lantaka (where the FALSIFIED COMELEC-FORMS were found) - should be able to explain WHY said hotel rooms were being used as the WORKSHOP for this massive FORGERY and FALSIFICATION.

2. The Lantaka Hotel Registry Card No. 5835 which registered RAMON DIMEN & CO. as the hotel-guests for Rooms 256 and 258, bore marginal notations that they were the "Guests of Assemblyman Bandaying" (a close confidant of LTP Chairman Tugung) and who was at the hotel lobby at the time we effected the raid and whose help we earlier solicited, but who MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED from the scene immediately thereafter, - NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN at the height of the incident.

3. The Lantaka Hotel Registry Card No. 5868 which registered OSCAR B. ESTRELLA & CO., as the hotel-guests for Room 249 (on the same floor with Rooms 256 & 258), had the annotation thus: "o/s LTP" and that the bills therefor shall be charged to the LTP, under which it bears a full SIGNATURE believed to be that of LTP Chairman Ulbert Ulama Tugung, (xeroxed reproduction of the cards enclosed).

In our letter to the Justice Minister, dated yesterday, April 10, we expressed wonder as to the whereabouts of Comelec Law Department Chief, Atty. ZOILLO GOMEZ, who reportedly arrived here in Zamboanga City in the early morning of April 9, to investigate the LANTAKA-INCIDENT but who did not see or investigate me during the two days he was in Zamboanga. Enclosed is a xeroxed reproduction of my April 10 letter to Minister Puno, as well as my earlier letter to General Fidel Ramos, PC Chief, dated April 9, 1981, both of which are self-explanatory, for your information and such action you may deem proper to take thereon.

Surprisingly, at 8:30 last night, while local opposition leaders were urging me to publicly refute the TV-allegations of Chairman Tugung that the FALSIFIED COMELEC RETURNS seized at LANTAKA HOTEL were the handiwork of the OPPOSITION and the SUBVERSIVES, a man appeared at my residence identifying himself as Atty. ZOILLO GOMEZ allegedly to pay me a belated "courtesy call." He assured me that today, April 11, he shall see me and the others who participated in the raid, to get our side of the incident. After waiting at my office this morning for sometime, and he failed to appear, we decided to proceed to Hotel Zambayan, this city, where he is reportedly billeted, and there found out that he MYSTERIOUSLY checked out early dawn, and again, under cover of darkness, flew back to Manila today, without conducting any honest-to-goodness investigation of this MESS.

We are however enclosing herewith authentic copies of the MASSIVE EVIDENCE of this aborted WHOLESAL FRAUD which we have in our custody, to give you firsthand information on this highly scandalous LANTAKA-INCIDENT, to wit:

Two (2) ENVELOPES FOR PLEBISCITE RETURNS (Comelec Form No. 18), with Serial Nos. 21596 and 21594 respectively SEALED with UNBROKEN COMELEC SEALS (Comelec Form No. 12) with Serial Nos. 09250 and 09241 evidently containing PLEBISCITE RETURNS (Comelec Form No. 9) for Zamboanga City Voting Center Nos. 14 and 14-A, as indicated on the said envelopes; and

2. PLEBISCITE RETURNS (Comelec Form No. 9) which is the GREEN COPY for the COMELEC, with Serial No. 05470, the ORIGINAL of which is intended for the PROVINCIAL BOARD OF CANVASSERS apparently having been already FORWARDED to VOTING CENTER No. 4 in LA LIBERTAD, Zamboanga del Norte, and the FALSIFIED RESULTS of 220 YES votes and 50 NO votes appearing in the enclosed PLEBISCITE RETURN may have been officially tabulated by the Zamboanga del Norte Provincial Board of Canvassers.

Mr. President, it would also be pertinent to state here that Comelec Regional Director MANUEL OBSEQUIO, whom earlier we invited to accompany us in the raid and declined our invitation, appeared at Hotel Lantaka some two hours AFTER the apprehension. Comelec Director Obsequio refused to have his picture taken with the CONFISCATED-EVIDENCE, and left in a hurry without examining and/or inspecting the FALSIFIED DOCUMENTS. Very strange behaviour! The PC officers under the Regional Command of BGen. Cirilo Bueno, in the persons of Col. Manuel Imperial and Col. Romeo Abendan, also, arrived at the scene several hours later - but NOT for the purpose of assisting in the investigation, but to DICTATE and even attempted to forcibly CONFISCATE from us though unsuccessfully the FRAUDULENT COMELEC FORMS and other EVIDENCE which we seized during the raid. Very DISGUSTING!

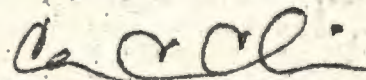
The delayed arrival of these officials and officers must have been due to their having first contacted their SUPERIORS for necessary instructions - and their belated presence at the scene, therefore, was not to conduct an honest-to-goodness investigation but to somehow get hold of the incriminating EVIDENCE in my possession and, GOD FORBID, to destroy the same! And with such DESTRUCTION, ALL TRACES of the most heinous and infamous attempt to RAPE Democracy in Region IX will FOREVER BE GONE!

Under these circumstances, Mr. President, I propose two (2) important alternate courses of action which should be taken to refurbish the damaged IMAGE of our Republic as a result of this scandalous and shameful INCIDENT at Hotel Lantaka, to wit:

1. Find LEGAL WAYS to annul the April 7, 1981 PLEBISCITE; and/or

2. Ascertain and pinpoint the PERSONAL & COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES of each MEMBERS of the COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, OF HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS IN YOUR ADMINISTRATION, and of the REGIONAL COMELEC REPRESENTATIVES AND DIRECTOR IN THIS CITY - for only then can it be satisfactorily explained HOW a MASSIVE EXODUS OF ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS could have been made under the very noses of the tight-security of the COMELEC-VAULTS without the KNOWLEDGE and APPROVAL of the COMMISSIONERS EN BANC; which in turn, will explain the strange behaviour and conduct of Comelec Regional Director Obsequio and COMELEC TASK FORCE Chief Atty. ANTONIO EVANGELISTA during and after the raid; and so with the tell-tale notations on the HOTEL REGISTRY CARDS bearing on the significant connections between the suspects in this case and the LTP; and the underhanded acts of the PC Officers under General Bueno to forcibly take from our custody the evidence seized; and the sudden departure of Atty. Gomez for Manila this morning, without as much as investigating the case.

Very truly yours,


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PRESIDENT MARCOS
M A N I L A

THE MASSIVE FALSIFIED ACCOUNTABLE ELECTION RETURNS AND OTHER COMELEC FORMS SEIZED BY US COVERS NOT ONLY ZAMBOANGA CITY BUT ENTIRE REGION NINE STOP EXCEPT FOR ZAMBOANGA CITY THE ORIGINAL OR WHITE PLEBISCITE RETURNS FOR FIVE PROVINCES AND THREE CITIES IN REGION NINE WERE ALREADY DISTRIBUTED BEFORE APPREHENSION BY US AND FALSIFIED RESULTS MUST HAVE BEEN TABULATED BY BOARD OF CANVASSERS STOP

IN OUR CUSTODY ARE GREEN PRINT PLEBISCITE RETURNS INTENDED FOR COMELEC AND THE RED PRINT PLEBISCITE RETURNS INTENDED FOR THE BALLOT BOXES HENCE COMELEC CANNOT NOW RECEIVE ITS IDENTICAL COPY OF PLEBISCITE RETURNS THAT WILL MATCH WITH THE FALSIFIED ORIGINAL THAT WAS USED BY BOARD OF CANVASSERS STOP

IF EACH BALLOT BOX IN REGION IX WHOSE AUTHENTIC RESULTS WERE MISREPRESENTED BY FALSIFIED RETURNS WERE TO BE OPENED THE RED PRINT PLEBISCITE RETURNS IN SAID BOXES WILL NOT TALLY WITH THE FAKE RESULTS THAT WERE CANVASSED BY BOARD THEREBY CLEARLY PROVING THAT THE FRAUD WAS REGIONWISE MASSIVE AND EXTENSIVE THAT WILL JUSTIFY NULLIFICATION OF PLEBISCITE RESULTS STOP

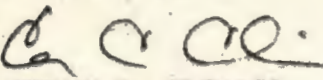
COPIES OF GREEN AND RED PLEBISCITE RETURNS NOW IN OUR CUSTODY IS CLUE TO ASCERTAIN PINPOINT ALL INFECTED PRECINCTS IN REGION NINE HENCE AYE NOW REALIZE EVIL EFFECTS FOR ME TO ALLOW PC REGIONAL COMMAND OF GENERAL BUENO TO GET FROM ME BY BRUTE FORCE SAID RECORDS WHICH AYE SHALL RESIST AT ALL COST STOP WE BELIEVE IN YOUR DETERMINATION AS ASSURED BY CONGRESSMAN ABLAN TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THIS MASSIVE ELECTORAL FRAUD SO PLEASE ORDER GENERAL BUENO AND OTHER MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO DESIST FROM FORCIBLY TAKING ALL SEIZED DOCUMENTS FROM MY CUSTODY STOP

COMELEC INVESTIGATOR LAW DIVISION CHIEF ATTORNEY ZOILLO GOMEZ ARRIVED HERE EARLY MORNING OF THURSDAY APRIL 9 HAS NOT INVESTIGATED ME NOR ANY OF THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED WITH ME IN THE RAID OF LANTAKA HOTEL UNTIL AFTER SOME 39 HOURS LATER WHEN SUDDENLY HE SHOWED UP UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS AT MY RESIDENCE AT 8:30 LAST NIGHT MERELY TO PAY COURTESY CALL AND SUDDENLY LEFT MANILAWARDS EARLY AT DAWN THIS MORNING ALSO UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS NOTWITHSTANDING OUR AGREEMENT THAT TODAY SATURDAY WE SHALL BE AT HIS DISPOSAL FOR QUESTIONING AND INVESTIGATION STOP

MISTER PRESIDENT AYE FEEL THE PRINCIPAL AND PRIMARY PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ELECTORAL MESS IS COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS EN BANC FOR IT IS NOT POSSIBLE SPIRIT AWAY OFFICIAL ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS FROM COMELEC STORE ROOM IN JEEPNEYLOAD QUANTITIES WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND BLESSINGS OF THE ENTIRE COMMISSION STOP THEREFORE THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS MASSIVE FRAUD SHOULD BE ENTRUSTED TO INDEPENDENT IMPARTIAL INVESTIGATIVE BODY TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF OPPOSITION STOP BUT SUCH INVESTIGATION WILL BE EXPENSIVE AND HIGHLY DIVISIVE AND MUST BE AVOIDED IF ONLY YOU CAN FIND WAYS TO NULLIFY THE RESULTS OF APRIL 7 PLEBISCITE REGARDS

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Assemblyman Joaquin F. Enriquez, Jr.
Interim Batasang Pambansa
Quezon City, Metro Manila

URGENT

S i r :

For your perusal and record, and for such further action you may deem proper to take with the KBL leadership in the Interim Batasan, I am enclosing herewith the following:

I. Xeroxed copy of two (2) REGISTRY CARDS of Lantaka Hotel, with the entries and/or annotations, to wit:

1. RC No. 5838, dated 4/4/81, Rooms 256 & 258, registered in the names of RAMON DIMEN, REGULUS PALMA, and SOFRONIO MANLAPAS, JR., all of Metro Manila, with the annotations: "c/o LTP" and "Guest of Assemblyman Bandaying."

2. RC No. 5868, dated 4-7-81, Room 249, registered in the name of OSCAR R. ESTRELLA & CO., of Manila, Businessman, with top left-hand corner annotation: "c/o LTP", and another annotation on the form (lower portion): "SEND BILL TO L.T.P.", and immediately below which is a SIGNATURE which appears to be identically similar to the official signature of LTP Chairman Ulbert Ulana Tugung.

II. Copy of OFFICIAL Comelec Form No. 9, (Green Print intended as COPY FOR: THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS), bearing serial number 05469, and labelled PLEBISCITE RETURNS, for Voting Center No. 3, Barangay: El Paraiso, Municipality of La Libertad, Zamboanga del Norte, with suspected falsified entries, to wit:

Question No. 1 = Yes: 250; No: 42

Question No. 2 = Yes: 250; No: 42

Question No. 3 = Yes: 250; No: 42

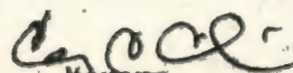
and bearing signatures of Voting Center No. 3 CHAIRMAN, POLL CLERK, and THIRD MEMBER, all suspected to be FORGED.

III. ONE (1) BROWN ENVELOPE, marked Comelec Form No. 18, bearing serial number 00517, with PRINTED notations: "Commission on Elections EXCLUSIVELY FOR PLEBISCITE RETURNS 1981 National Plebiscite" and "THE PROVINCIAL/CITY BOARD OF CANVASSERS", for Voting Center No. 63-E, Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Sur, IX, still CLOSED and SEALED with Comelec Form No. 12 bearing serial number 09018, and suspected of containing PLEBISCITE RETURNS (Comelec Form No. 9) of Voting Center No. 63-E in Zamboanga City.

Please be informed that because of the strange fishy-washy goings-on in the supposed INVESTIGATION ordered by COMELEC-MANILA and the high-handed strong-arm tactics of the PC under General Bueno's Command to forcibly take away from my custody the seized COMELEC-DOCUMENTS and other incriminating NOTES & PARAPHERNALIAS, I sent copies thereof to the Minister of Justice and to PC Chief General Fidel Ramos, and to some others hereafter, to thwart any attempt by anyone to DESTROY THE EVIDENCE to this scandalous and wholesale scheme to commit ELECTORAL FRAUDS in our region.

In closing, let me thank you for being among the first Public Officials to have responded to our radio-appeal at noon of April 7, 1981, requesting the presence of KBL leaders to witness the jeepload of incriminating evidence we have uncovered at Lantaka Hotel; and, also, for allowing us (the CCA Councilors and myself) to confer with you this morning at your residence on what further steps may be taken on the LANTAKA-INCIDENT. May I also congratulate you for your PUBLIC STATEMENT in the local media that you are "AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO FRUSTRATE THE POPULAR WILL OR TAMPER ELECTION RESULTS IN ZAMBOANGA CITY!" While we may be politically at odds, as ZAMBOANGUEÑOS - we stand UNITED in this crusade to keep ZAMBOANGA POLITICS forever INVIOLEATE, HONEST AND FREE!

Very truly yours,


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The Interim Batasang Pambansa
Thru the Honorable Speaker
Quezon City, Metro Manila

URGENT

Mesdames and Gentlemen:

From the Metropolitan dailies - you all probably have read about the jeepneyload of OFFICIAL & ACCOUNTABLE COMELEC FORMS and other INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE we confiscated in two rooms at the Lantaka Hotel, this city, at about 11:00 A.M. of April 7, 1981, just when the Plebiscite-voting on the proposed Constitutional Amendments was about half-way through all over the country.

The bulk of these seized DOCUMENTS consist of PLEBISCITE RETURNS (Comelec Form No. 9) which are "of a special material and no carbon paper is required", the majority of which had already been filled up with FORGED and/or FALSIFIED TALLIES OR RESULTS purportedly for various VOTING CENTERS ALL OVER REGION IX (Western Mindanao).

These official and accountable COMELEC-FORMS on the PLEBISCITE RETURNS ARE IN TRIPLICATE COPIES, with each SET bearing one common SERIAL NUMBER which are to be distributed as follows:

- 1st Copy = (in BLACK print) = for the Provincial/City Board of Canvassers
- 2nd Copy = (in GREEN print) = for the Commission on Elections
- 3rd Copy = (in RED print) = for the Ballot Boxes

SIGNIFICANTLY, however, the majority of these forged and/or falsified PLEBISCITE RETURNS which we confiscated were found to consist of ONLY the 2nd COPIES and 3rd COPIES (with the 1st COPY missing from the pile) - tending to show that this 1st COPY intended for the Provincial/City Board of Canvassers might have already been dispatched or distributed to the various Board of Canvassers in the Region - even BEFORE we effected the raid. This ominous probability, therefore, leaves us no choice but to somehow conclude that these FAKED PLEBISCITE RETURNS were used in the ACTUAL canvassing of votes in these different areas, - so that, IF THIS IS SO, the published RESULTS of the recently concluded Plebiscite in most of these places in Western Mindanao, particularly in Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga del Norte, DO NOT REFLECT the TRUE and ACTUAL expression of the POPULAR WILL in our region of Western Mindanao. And this could also be the overall situation throughout the country - where no apprehensions whatsoever were made by concerned citizens.

To give you an overview of the whole situation, here are some intriguing circumstances surrounding the now INFAMOUS LANTAKA-INCIDENT which deserve your minute and careful appreciation and consideration, to wit:

* The Comelec Regional Director, Atty. Manuel Obsequio, refused to accompany the raid even when personally apprised by the Mayor that there is reason to suspect ELECTION RESULT TAMPERING is going on in Rooms 256 and 258 of Lantaka Hotel. And that it was some two hours later, that Atty. Obsequio appeared at the Lantaka Hotel Lobby, but refused to even inspect the seized documents and to be photographed with them, and left in a huff without taking any action thereon.

* The attempt of RECOM 9 under BGen. Cirilo Bueno's command, in the persons of Col. Mariano Imperial and Lt. Col. Romeo Abendan, to forcibly take custody of the seized documents from the Mayor.

* The planting of subversive materials at the house of the Mayor's brother, Atty. Jose C. Climaco, at Sta. Maria, this city, last April 8, by some PC operatives under BGen. Bueno's command.

* The apparent connection between the registered-occupants of Rooms 249, 256 and 258 of Lantaka Hotel, where these COMELEC DOCUMENTS were seized, with the LUPONG TAGA-PAGPAGANAP NG POOK of Region IX, as evidenced by the REGISTRY CARDS (xeroxed copies are herewith enclosed) on the aforesaid rooms bearing notations: "to be charged to LTP," "c/o LTP", "Guests of Assemblyman Bandaying" (an LTP member), and a SIGNATURE on the Registry Card of Room 249 which appears to be identically similar to the official signature of LTP Chairman Ulbert Ulama Tugung.

* The intriguing behaviour of Atty. ZOILO GOMEZ, Comelec Special Investigator sent to Zamboanga on April 9, but who did not bother to interview the Mayor about the incident, or even to look into the seized documents, and who, only after some 39 hours in Zamboanga City, suddenly showed up on the night of April 10, 1981 at 8:30 p.m. to merely pay a courtesy call, then without even honoring his promise to interrogate the Mayor the following morning hurriedly, at early dawn of Saturday, April 11, 1981, checked out of Hotel Zambayan and flew back to Manila via PAL's "Bulilit" flight.

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BRIG GEN DELFIN S CASTRO
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DO YOU HAVE UNDER YOUR COMMAND A CERTAIN COL ROLANDO DE GUZMAN WHO AS PER CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE CALL 8:30 LAST NIGHT IS REPORTEDLY INCHARGE OF POSTING FOUR SOLDIERS TO PROTECT THE LANTAKA HOTEL APRIL 7 OPERATIONS THAT FALSIFIED REGIONWIDE PLEBISCITE RETURNS AND ALSO FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE PLANTING SUBVERSIVE EVIDENCE AT RESIDENCE MY YOUNGER BROTHER JOSE CLIMACO STOP IF THIS OFFICER EXISTS THEN PLEASE INVESTIGATE HIS ALLEGED ACTIVITIES AS AYE RECALL TO HAVE SEEN MILITARY PERSONNEL AT LANTAKA HOTEL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE WE RAIDED THE ROOMS AND FORTHWITH ALL SUSPECTS WERE BROUGHT TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS INSTEAD OF PC-INP FOR PROPER INVESTIGATION AS WAS EVENTUALLY DONE REGARDS

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CESAR C. CLIMACO
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MAYOR CLIMACO

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IF TRUE THAT RESPONSIBLE SENIOR OFFICERS REFUSE EXECUTE FALSE AFFIDAVITS AGAINST MY BROTHER JOSE CLIMACO NOTWITHSTANDING PRESSURES BY GENERAL CIRILO BUENO'S COMMAND THEN AYE SALUTE TO THOSE OFFICERS FOR THEIR RECTITUDE COURAGE AND NOBILITY WHICH INCLUDES AYE AM TOLD MAJOR GARRIO REGARDS

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MAYOR CLIMACO

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GENERAL FIDEL RAMOS
CAMP CRAME
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APRIL 12, 1981
ZAMBOANGA CITY

AYE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT STRONG PRESSURES ARE BEING EXERTED BY GENERAL CIRILO BUENO'S COMMAND TO COMPEL SENIOR RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS EXECUTE UNTRUTHFUL AFFIDAVITS AGAINST MY BROTHER JOSE CLIMACO HENCE AYE REQUEST THAT YOU PLEASE INITIATE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATIONS AND IF FOUND TRUE TO TAKE POSITIVE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST ALL CONCERNED REGARDS

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