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DATE November 19. 1986

FOR: VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE -

TO: <u>President Reagan</u> FROM: <u>Alan Wheat</u>

DATE: <u>September 19, 1986</u> SUBJECT: <u>Constituent's concern</u>

for final accounting of expenses incurred by Marcos during flee.

REFERRAL DATED: _______ October 3, 1986 _____ ID#_____ ID#_____

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Wheat:

Thank you for your letter of September 19, 1986 in which you conveyed the concern of your constituent, Timothy Clore, about the Administration's efforts to make a final accounting for expenses incurred in connection with the evacuation and subsequent maintenance at U.S. military facilities of former President Marcos and his accompanying party.

In late August, the National Security Council authorized the Department of State to request Mr. Marcos to reimburse the United States Government for personal expenses associated with his arrival in the United States and his initial stay at Hickam Air Force Base. These expenses, which are beyond the normal costs we pay for a foreign guest, consist of \$19,971 for international telephone calls and \$39,101 for purchases at the post exchanges at Anderson and Hickam Air Force Bases.

Mr. Marcos has indicated his desire to pay the United States Government for these personal costs and we are seeking to arrange an early settlement of the matter.

We would note the unique circumstances of Mr. Marcos's invitation and stay in the United States which helped to avoid major bloodshed during the transition to a new government in the Philippines last February. Consistent with our general practice concerning the expenses of foreign guests, the United States Government will pay for the transportation and related costs of Mr. Marcos and his party.

The Honorable Alan Wheat, House of Representatives. The matter of distributing the costs absorbed by the United States Government among the various agencies is still under review within the Executive Branch.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Louise R. Hoppe Acting Assistant Secretary Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure: Correspondence Returned

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 3, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE ATTN: ED FOX

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

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ID: 427587

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE ALAN WHEAT U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: CONSTITUENT INQUIRES WHETHER ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO ACT ON RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES' COMMITTEE TO RECOUP TAX DOLLARS SPENT ON MARCOS DURING HIS FLEE

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

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> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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September 25, 1986

Dear Mr. Wheat:

This is to acknowledge your September 19 letter regarding the expenses incurred by former Philippine President Marcos and members of his party since they left the Philippines.

The issue of payment for these expenses is under review. To ensure that your constituent's concerns are understood, I have taken the liberty of sharing a copy of your correspondence with the appropriate advisory staff members. I have also asked that you be provided with a further response as soon as additional information is available.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III Assistant to the President

The Honorable Alan B. Wheat House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of inc to Ed Fox, Cong Affrs, State - for DIRECT response ALAN WHEAT

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September 19, 1986

Mr. M.B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President Legislative Affairs The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

You will find enclosed a letter I received recently from a constituent of mine, Timothy Clore, who is concerned about the use of U.S. tax dollars to provide for expenses incurred by Ferdinand Marcos and his entourage when they fled the Philippines.

I have been contacted numerous times regarding this matter by other constituents who share similar views. I would appreciate any information you could provide concerning whether the Administration is planning to take action on recommendations made by the House Armed Services' Subcommittee on Readiness to recoup some of this money from Mr. Marcos.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan Wheat Member of Congress



The Honorable Alan Wheat House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Wheat:

I am writing again to protest the way in which the American taxpayer is being ripped off. This time the culprit is Mr. Marcos. Not only is he cheating us, but he is still being allowed to do this by our military leaders and elected officials, in this case by General Teddy Allen.

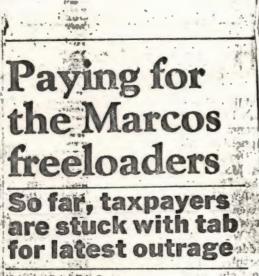
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This simply must stop. Too many people at the top are too much afraid to say no to this man. Not only did he cheat the Phillipine people for twenty years, but now he is brazenly doing the same thing to us.

I call for complete cessation of priveleges for Mr. Marcos and all his entourage in the United States. He should not be allowed to stay in the United States and longer and he should be denied any more credit or military exchange priveleges.

Your replies are appreciated. Thank you.



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ashington — Philippine Presi-dent, Ferdinand Marcos, his wife, Imelda, and an entourage of 120 others fled the presidential palace in Manila on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 25. They were taken by helicopter and boat to nearby Clark Air Force Base. The following morn-

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The following morn-ing, before dawn, most members of the party were flown on to Andersen Air Force Base on Guam be-fore heading on to Hickam Air Force

Base in Hawaii. It was quite an odyssey. A recent report from a House Armed Services subcommittee picks up the story: "The party rested at Andersen for about 10 hours, staying in base quarters. Security personnel, a number of small children and members of the household staff had not packed many items for traveling. Mrs. Marcos did not want security personnel, about 35 in number, to land in Hawali in combat fatigues and requested that they, and others in the party needing toilet articles and clothes, be allowed to shop in the base exchange. Gen. (Teddy) Allen authorized them to

"Forty people visited the Andersen" exchange after regular shopping hours.

It was a memorable occasion. The 40 freeloaders promptly racked up \$12,256

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in purchases, or about \$300 per person, They charged \$7,540 in "health and beauty aids," \$1,448 in clothing, \$1,425 in shoes, and \$1,561 in "clean-ing/towels/wash cloths."

Late that same evening, Feb. 26, the Marcos party - now down to 89 persons, - arrived in Hawali. There the party, took over the visiting officers' quarters. The number of guests continued to di-minish. By March 14 the number had declined to 43; by March 25 to only eight. The group made two trips to the Hickam exchange. Forty-four persons went shop-ping on Feb. 28, another 14 on March 4, The first 44 were modest: They charged only \$347 per person. The next 14 were, not quite so modest; their purchases averaged \$827 per person. The total bill was \$26,844. Nobody paid for anything,

The tab included a quite remarkable number of brassieres. The sales tickets do not show if the brassieres, like 500 of Imelda's, were black. There appeared to be a matching number of panties. Among other items: designer jeans, \$32; pancake makeup, \$3.80; Maybelline eye. pencil, \$3.30; tennis apparel, \$29; tennis top, \$9; golf coordinates, \$12; Sheer Elegance panty hose, \$2.50; designer neckwear, \$15.95; man's blazer, \$30; and Sex Appeal cologne, \$8. For the first several days the deposed

For the first several days the deposed president spent most of his time on the telephone. From Hawaii he telephoned Belgium, Korea and Hong Kong. He made dozens of calls to the mainland United States, most of them to Washing-ton, D.C. Six times he called the Vatican; one call lasted for 24 minutes. His long-distance charges came to \$19,971. He made no offer to pay the bill. From Feb. 26 to March 17 the Hickam Officers Club was closed to its member-ship. The club normally employed 110

ship. The club normally employed 110 persons, "but only 25 or 30 could work while it was restricted to the Marcos while it was restricted to the Marcos party." The Air Force reimbursed the laid-off workers for their basic wages. The club also was reimbursed for \$15,649 in meals provided while Ferdi-nand, Imelda and friends were at Hick-am. The House subcommittee identified about \$451,000 in other support costs, primarily for the air lift.

"The only gold transported was 21 bars, weighing one kilogram each, that were in a briefcase with a plaque indicating it was an anniversary present," the report said. All told, the palatial exodus cost about

\$858,000, though roughly half of the sum represented salaries of military personnel that would have been paid in any event. The subcommittee, finding the fringe expenses "excessive," recom-mended that the government "make every effort to recover from former President Marcos \$207,000 in costs for personal and convertience them personal and convenience items acquired by members of his party

In the weeks since the Philippine people tossed out the Marcos regime, evidence of the former president's wealth has accumulated. The gentleman has stashed away hundreds of millions of dollars. He is rich, in Dr. Johnson's phrase, beyond the dreams of avaricé though perhaps not beyond his own dreams of avarice. His party may not have smelled like roses when the roof fell in, but once in Hawaii the boys were fragrant with Aramis, and the girls smelled like Oil of Olay.

THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 14, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE J. BENNETT JOHNSTON

SUBJECT: WRITES REQUESTING THE STATUS OF HIS INQUIRY ON APR 18 REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN RELOCATING FORMER PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT MARCOS IN THE U.S.

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January 15, 1987

Dear Senator Johnston:

I regret the delay in responding to your request for information regarding the expenses incurred in relocating former President Marcos in the United States.

In late August, the Department of State was authorized to request that Mr. Marcos reimburse the United States Government for personal expenses associated with his arrival in the United States and his initial stay at Hickam Air Force Base. These expenses, which are beyond the normal costs we pay for a foreign guest, consist of \$19,971 for international telephone calls and \$39,101 for purchases at the post exchanges at Anderson and Hickam Air Force Bases.

Mr. Marcos has indicated his desire to pay the United States Government for these personal costs and we are seeking to arrange an early settlement of the matter.

I hope this information is helpful to your constituent.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III Assistant to the President

The Honorable J. Bennett Johnston United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 6, 1986



J. BENNETT JOHNSTON

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Mr. William L. Ball, III Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Ball:

This is in further regard to the inquiry I made to you on April 18 requesting information on the expenses incurred in relocating former Phillippine President Marcos in the United States.

In checking my files, I am unable to find a further reply from your office since I received an interim response on May 5. Any further indication you can give me now about the disposition of this matter would be helpful and most appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely, Bennett ohnston United States Senator

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Dear Senatar Jahnson,

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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 20, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAN DANIEL

SUBJECT: WRITES REQUESTING THE STATUS OF HIS LETTER OF JUN 13 86 REGARDING THE \$207,000 SPENT FOR CONVENIENCE AND PERSONAL ITEMS FOR FORMER PRESIDENT MARCOS AND HIS PARTY

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Washington, D.C. 20520



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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In view of your interest in the issue of the costs involved in the movement of former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos and his party from Manila to Hawaii, I am writing to inform you of some recent developments.

In late August the National Security Council authorized the Department of State to request Mr. Marcos to reimburse the United States Government for personal expenses associated with his arrival in the United States and his initial stay at Hickam Air Force Base. These expenses, which are beyond the normal costs we pay for a foreign guest, consist of \$19,971 for international telephone calls and \$39,101 for purchases at the post exchanges at Anderson and Hickam Air Force Bases.

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We would note the unique circumstances of Marcos' invitation and stay in the United States which helped to avoid major bloodshed during the transition to a new government in the Philippines last February. Consistent with our general practice concerning the expenses of foreign guests, the United States Government will pay for the transporation and related costs for Marcos and his party.

The Honorable Dan Daniel, Chairman, Subcommittee on Readiness, Armed Services Committee, House of Representatives.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 6, 1986

RODNEY McDANIEL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

KATHY RATTE JAFFKE

SUBJECT:

Expenses Incurred by Former President Marcos and His Party

Congressman Dan Daniel wrote to Don Regan on June 13 asking to be kept advised of developments pertinent to the question of whether former President Marcos will be required to reimburse the U.S. Government for expenses incurred by his party.

Mr. Regan has received a follow-up inquiry and has asked our office to provide Congressman Daniel with a response.

I would appreciate your assistance in crafting an appropriate response.

Thanks.

cc: Susan Slye - FYI cc: Records Management - FYI (ID# 429655) DAN DANIEL 5TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

ARMÉD SERVICES COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS.

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PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET AUTHORIZATION



Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

October 16, 1986

Honorable Donald T. Regan Chief of Staff The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Don:

In May 1986 the House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee, which I chair, issued a report entitled "Investigation of the Costs Involved In Moving Former President Marcos and His Party From Manila to Hawaii".

The report showed that the cost of moving former President Marcos and his party, and their five-week stay at Hickam Air Force Base cost \$858,000. Security valued at \$407,604 provided by military personnel is included in that figure. Of the total amount, \$207,000 was for convenience and personal items for the Marcos' party.

The subcommittee did not believe the cost of convenience and personal items should be paid by U.S. taxpayers. The report recommended that the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State, working jointly, make every effort to recover these costs from former President Marcos. State Department officials advised the subcommittee that the decision on whether former President Marcos will be required to reimburse the U.S. government for \$207,000 had been submitted to the White House.

On June 13, 1986 I sent a letter to you summarizing the subcommittee report. I pointed out that Members of the Committee felt strongly that the \$207,000 should be recovered from former President Marcos, and requested that you keep me advised of developments.

As of this date I have not received a response. In view of continuing congressional interest, I would greatly appreciate receiving the current White House position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Dan Daniel Chairman Subcommittee on Readiness

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Dear Dan:

Thank you for your letter and also enclosing a copy of the report recently issued by the House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee entitled "Investigation of the Cost Involved in Moving Former President Marcos and His Party from Manila to Hawaii".

Your comments are most appreciated. They will be given every consideration and shared with the appropriate persons here.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Donald T. Regan Chief of Staff to the President of the United States

The Honorable Dan Daniel Chairman Readiness Subcommittee House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

June 13, 1986

Honorable Donald T. Regan Chief of Staff The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Don:

The House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee, which I chair, recently issued a report entitled "Investigation of the Cost Involved in Moving Former President Marcos and His Party from Manila to Hawaii".

The report shows that the cost of moving former President Marcos and his party, and their five-week stay at Hickam Air Force Base cost \$858,000. Security valued at \$407,604 provided by military personnel is included in that figure. Of the total amount, \$207,000 was paid for convenience and the purchase of personal items for Marcos' party.

To encourage President Marcos to peacefully step aside, President Reagan offered Marcos, his family and associates safety, medical care and transportation to any location in the world he desired. President Reagan did not offer housing, meals, clothing and other personal conveniences that comprise the \$207,000.

State Department officials advised us that it has been the general practice that when the head of our government invited a foreign head of state or dignitary who was housed in Blair House, our government paid normal expenses for their stay. Personal expenses were collected from the embassy of the country from which the visitor came (an option not available in this instance). When guests were required to stay at commercial hotels, a somewhat similar policy was followed, but again, the visitor was expected to pay personal and related expenses.

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The subcommittee does not believe these costs should be paid by U.S. taxpayers. The report recommended that the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State, working jointly, make every effort to recover from former President Marcos \$207,000 in costs for personal and convenience items acquired by members of his party. State Department officials have advised the subcommittee that the decision on whether former President Marcos will be required to reimburse the U.S. government for these costs has been submitted to the White House.

Members of the Committee feel strongly that these funds should be recovered. Please keep me advised of developments.

A copy of the subcommittee report is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Dan Daniel Chairman Readiness Subcommittee

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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

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April 1, 1986

Dear John:

Following up on our recent discussions concerning the Philippines, attached is a draft statement which could be issued by the White House as part of a multilateral "package" approach toward U.S. support for the Philippines.

While a number of elements need to be finalized, I would appreciate your reaction to this approach.

Sincerely, James A. Baker, III

The Honorable John M. Poindexter Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

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Washington, D.C. 20520

Ms. Imelda de los Reyes 167 Summit Avenue Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Ms. de los Reyes:

I have been asked to respond on behalf of Mr. Regan to your letter of July 24, 1986.

I read with interest your proposal for establishing a "Filipino-American Peace Corps". Like Senator Lautenburg, I applaud efforts by the Filipino-American community and individual members of that community to assist the Philippines during this difficult period.

I regret to inform you that neither Mr. Regan nor his office has responsibility to decide whether to create a "Philippine Peace Corps" or other organization by which Filipino-Americans can volunteer their services to improving living conditions in the Philippines. I suggest that you contact the Peace Corps or privately-funded institutions to see if they might be able to sponsor your proposal.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles B. Salmon, Jr.

Director, Office of Philippine Affairs Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs

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July 24, 1986

Mr. Donald Regan Chief of Staff Office of the President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Regan,

Since I last wrote to you on May 1, and thank you for your acknowledgement of my letter, much has transpired regarding the proposal I offered to establish a Philippines Peace Corp.

His Eminence, Jamie Cardinal Sin, Archbishop of Manila, has offered to help in the establishment of the PPC. When His Eminence visits the United States in mid-August, I will have an opportunity to discuss the proposal with him in more detail.

Senator Frank Lautenberg of my home state of New Jersey held a press conference on Saturday, July 19, to announce his active support of the Corp. The proposal also has been endorsed by Representative Frank Guarini of Jersey City, State Senator Thomas Cowan of Hudson County and municipal leaders of Jersey City, including Mayor Anthony R. Cucci, Council President Glenn Cunningham and Ward E Councilman Jamie Vasquez. Hudson County Sheriff Dominic Pugliese joined this group at the press conference to offer his support of the PPC.

In addition, leaders of Filipino-American organizations in New Jersey, which has a large population of Filipinos, with about 15,000 in Jersey City alone, have come out in favor of the proposal.

When President Corazon Aquino visits the United States in September, the Office of the Consul General of the Philippines in New York is hopeful of arranging a very brief meeting for me with Mrs. Aquino.

It is my hope that you, Mr. Regan, through your very influential position, will still bring this matter to the attention of President Ronald Reagan. I strongly feel that is is a very fine, and more importantly, humanitarian way for the United States government to

Letter to: Mr. Regan Page Two

provide more direct aid to the Philippine people.

Please, Mr. Regan, give some serious consideration to my proposal regarding the Philippines Peace Corp. I know fully well that you are burdened with many responsibilities and are bombarded with many requests from many organizations, but if you can address this matter I am confident the wheels of government will turn on behalf of our steadfast friends in the land of my birth.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Garah Imeldo de los Ruy (

Sarah Imelda de los Reyes Miss Philippines USA 1986 167 Summit Avenue Jersey City, New Jersey

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United States Senator for New Jersey

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Lautenborg Supports Proposal for Filipino American Peace Corps

Jersey City -- Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J., (Saturday) Fodel endorsed the idea of creating a special Filipino American Peace Corps contingent for the Philippines before a group of Filipino American community leaders.

Lautenberg was joined by Congressman Frank Guarini and Sarah Imelda De Los Reyes, Miss Philippines USA, and local officials, pledged his active support in a press conference on the steps of St. Michael's Church.

On Friday, Lautenberg contacted Mrs. Loret Miller Ruppe, Director of the Peace Corps to urge the Corps to consider establishing a special contingent of Filipino Americans to serve in the Philippines.

"Corey Aquino's victory was not only a personal triumph over Ferdinand Marcos, but a victory for the Filipino people," Lautenberg said in a letter to Ruppe. "I am aware that the Philippines is considered a priority for the Peace Corps, and that 277 Peace Corps volunteers now serve in the country.

"But since the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Natural Resources have requested additional volunteers, the Philippines clearly believes that more Peace Corps volunteers are needed, and could be put to good use."

Lautenberg said that Miss Philippines USA, motivated by her desire to help the land of her birth, suggested the idea of sending the additional volunteers. Ms. de los Reyes said the volunteers could make a unique contribution to the development of the Philippines because of their knowledge of Filipino culture and language, and their desire to help their friends and relatives in the Philippines.

Ms. de los Reyes also contacted President Reagan and President Corazon Aquino to urge their support of the idea.

STATEMENT BY IMELDA DE LOS REYES Regarding Her Proposal to Establish A PHILIPPINES PEACE CORP

Good Morning. I am very happy to be here this morning, especially with so many of my friends, neighbors and community leaders. I am extremely pleased that United States Senator Frank Lautenberg has graciously offered to support a measure to provide more humanitarian aid to the Philippines

In late April of this year I wrote to President Ronald Reagan offering my proposal to establish a Philippines Peace Corp. I also wrote to President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines regarding my suggestion. I sent copies of my letters to White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, Jamie Cardinal Sin, Archbishop of Manila and Ernesto Maceda, Minister of Natural Resources in the Philippines.

In addition, I sent copies of my correspondence to Senator Lautenberg and the other members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation. A copy was forwarded to Congressman Stephen Solarz of Brooklyn who has been involved in Philippine matters for some time. Senator Lautenberg wrote to advise me of his support of my proposal and then had his staff assist me in arranging today's press conference.

Basically, my proposal of a Philippines Peace Corp is patterned after the existing Peace Corp which was established by our late President John F. Kennedy in 1961. My proposal calls for Filipino-Americans to return to their homeland for 3, 6 and 12 months to volunteer their services to help their native land help itself to a better way of life. The program would be funded by the United States government with supplemental assistance contributed by the Philippine communities here in the United States.

I envisioned college students, nurses, medical and dental students and others of our heritage with expertise in agriculture, engineering, construction and other basic skills to return to the Phillipines to work directly with our brothers and sisters to improve conditions in the land of our birth. A Filipino-American to Filipino-Philippine humanitarian program that would be direct, simple and easy to implement. What better way for Filipino-Americans to show pride in what they have attained here in the United States then to go back to our native land at this time of crisis to offer their experience and expertise on behalf of our brothers and sisters. Filipino-Americans have had such outstanding opportunities to achieve in the United States that it would be both a privilege and honor to share this abundance with those less fortunate in the Philippines.

I was moved to make my feelings known to Presidents Reagan and Aquino after viewing a series of programs televised on the TODAY Show in late February and early March of this year. These telecasts vividly portrayed the serious situation in the Philippines; the poor and hungry; the lack of finances to assist the Aquino government get moving; the Communist crisis; the sickness and poverty; and the ever present threat of supporters of former President Marcos inciting violance and unrest.

I am hopeful that with the support of Senator Frank Lautenberg, and other members of Congress including Congessman Frank Guarini, the program I have suggested to Presidents Aquino and Reagan will become a reality. The people of the Philippines have been fervent friends of the United States for many, many years and this program could offer the United STates Government a fine and humanitarian opportunity to reciprocate for the steadfastness of the Filipino people in support of the United States in both war and peaceful times. Unless both Filipino-Americans and others in the United States respond to the crisis, and respond positively, many Filipino people will suffer unnecessarily.

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I hope the foregoing responds to your concerns. With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins Special Assistant to the President and Director of Correspondence

Lieutenant Larry O. Guzman, USA, Ret. 12870 Bonaparte Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90066

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 26, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR SALLY KELLEY

FROM:

RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

SUBJECT: Response to Larry Guzman

We have reviewed and concur in the proposed response to Mr. Guzman as amended.

Attachments

Tab A Suggested Response Tab B Guzman Letter dated 7/24/86

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August 26, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROD MCDANIEL

FROM: DICK CHILDRESS

SUBJECT: Response to Larry Guzman

Recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Lag-26 Approve

Disapprove

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ACTION

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S/S 8625070

DATE_August 23, 1986

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REFERENCE:

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM: LARRY O. GUZMAN

DATE: JULY 24, 1986 SUBJECT: PRO PRESIDENT MARCOS

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REFERRAL DATED: ALGUST 13, 1986 ID# 434513 (IF ANY)

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 - SUBJECT: PRO PRESIDENT MARCOS AND DISAPPOINTED IN TREATMENT ACCORDED HIM SINCE HIS LEAVING THE PHILIPPINES

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LARRY O. GUZMAN

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24 July 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to express my thanks for the dedication, at your behest, of an American Flag in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol for me "in recognition of a commitment to preserve and strengthen the Republican Party and its Majority Status in the United States Senate."

Rest assured that as a Trustee of the Republican Presidential Task Force (#832349), I am extending all-out support to Chairman John Heinz's group in our bid to keep control of the Senate in the upcoming elections. It is my earnest desire that you be able to complete your program of government for our people without the obstacle of a Senate controlled by the liberal Democrats.

Sir, may I take this opportunity to bring to your attention the Administration's mishandling of the Philippine situation and our acts bordering on the unfriendly and inhospitable, toward our friend and ally, President Ferdinand E. Marcos, ever since you offered him a welcome to our land. Since his arrival in Honolulu, Mr. Marcos has not been given the courtesies and diplomatic immunity befitting a Head of State. Instead Federal and State agencies have subjected him -- or allowed him to suffer -- ignominious harassments more than a friend and Chief of State can bear.

I feel concerned, because I fought beside this man in defense of the American Flag and United States interests during the crucial months (1944-1945) of World War II. As a U.S. Army commando officer who landed behind enemy lines on the island of Luzon, Philippines, I found myself assigned to the unit of Major Ferdinand E. Marcos (14th Infantry Division, U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East or USAFFE). I was trained in demolition work, and that was why I was picked for this Special Commando Unit, and together with 15 other fellow Americans, were transported secretly by the Navy submarine USS Gar to carry out General MacArthur's strategy to bolster the Filipino guerrillas.

I noted with dismay the orchestration by some segments in Washington, under the instigation by the same liberal Democrats who are our foes, first in successfully destabilizing and toppling the Marcos Government and now, in frenzied efforts to destroy his character, reputation and any credibility left. They revel in zeroing on his wartime record. They continue to assail his medals and other war decorations, for which he was decorated by the U.S. and Philippine Governments, because of his valor and gallantry in battle.

Mr. President, I witnessed some of Major Marcos's sacrifices for America. That he almost lost his life and was badly wounded in the epic struggle of Bataan is well documented by American field reports in the months of that siege, January through April 1942.

12870 Bonaparte Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90066

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan -- 2--

I speak from personal knowledge and authority about Major Marcos, because I was detailed to the special staff of the 14th Infantry Division, his unit in that period of the resistance during the Japanese Occupation. The successful flanking movements which Major Marcos executed against the units of General Yamashita of the Japanese Imperial Forces was the start of the encirclement and the isolation of the main Japanese attacking force in the Mountain Provinces. I and another commando officer, Capt. Donald Jamison of San Diego, then with the Office of Strategic Services, fought with Major Marcos in numerous engagements against the Japanese and risked our lives over and beyond the call of duty. There was one particular instance when Capt. Jamison and myself together with five Filipino guerrillas were encircled by overwhelming numbers of Japanese troops, and only the guts and exceptional courage of Major Marcos repulsed the Japanese attackers and saved us from annihilation.

One of our fellow commandos, Capt. Fred H. Behan of Carlsbad, CA, can attest to the award of some of the U.S. medals to Major Marcos at a ceremony at USAFFE headquarters in Camp Spencer, Luna, La Union. Jamison and myself received our decorations much later.

I bring these matters to your attention, Mr. President, in the hope that you can put a stop to this ill-advised and continuous downgrading of Marcos's war exploits and the concerted effort to harass and embarrass him before the American public.

It is a sacrilege to question the sacrifices of a brave and valiant soldier like Major Marcos who fought for the American Flag in our war against Japan. To these liberal Democrats -- and some misguided Federal agencies -- wounds in battle appear not enough to confirm a soldier's sacrifice for our country. There are many reputable witnesses, Americans and Filipinos alike, who have witnessed and made their depositions that they fought with Marcos in Bataan, in the resistance movement, and with the American forces of liberation. Even AFWESPAC (Armed Forces Western Pacific) headquarters has records and affidavits of witnesses attesting to the bravery and heroism of Mr. Marcos.

Mr. President, may I take the liberty to ask you: Is Washington happy that the leftist-leaning Aquino Government's ministers and key officials continue to rant and rave against American multinational companies and openly support the insurgents' position on the removal of U.S. military installations at Clark Air Force Base and at Subic Bay Naval Base? Mrs. Corazon Aquino has shown by word and by deed that she is not in sympathy with U.S. interests and needs. Is it in our interest to continue treating Mr. Marcos like a pariah in Hawaii while allowing Mrs. Aquino to coddle the communist insurgents, consolidate and train the New People's Army and strengthen the communist political base?

May Divine Providence continue to guide you in charting our destiny.

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