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Salamat po. Thank you for your courtesy. You may just sit down.

Alam mo, I'm not joking but apparently somebody trivialized this event, I don't know who. Nakakahiya ho naman sa inyo but ang speech ko, isang page lang. *[laughter]* It's the only one. These are the acknowledgements that I have to make. Sinong gumawa nito? Bugbugin kita eh. *[laughter and applause]*

Well anyway, let me acknowledge the persons who are with me now.

The Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque, he's a good government worker, maniwala ka. *[applause]* Walang ano 'to, walang ano na... No hidden agenda about himself that's why I got him in; the PESPA National President Dr. Romeo Fernandez, sir *[applause]*; the officers and members of the Philippine Elementary School Principals Association, mga kasama ko sa gobyerno, mga kababayan.

First of all, let me just tell you straight that I am also a son of a schoolteacher. *[applause]*

My mother retired as the adult education supervisor for Davao City.

Kaya po ako lumaki rin ng salary ng isang teacher and so was my father.

Huwag na itong speech na ito *[laughter]* it does not really make any sense to me. I have to be just flying over just to... just to talk for about 30 seconds. *[laughter]*

I... 'Yung ano, ayaw ng – ewan ko ba diyan. Ayaw ng flash. I do not really know why but they just don't like it *[laughter]* but I like it actually. *[laughter, cheers and applause]*

They will discourage everybody lalo na sa malapit. I really do not know why. I never asked.

Well anyway, let me tell you this. Ang nanay ko po, for the entire teaching career, hindi rin lumabas sa utang.

But at that time, the range were not really as businesslike as today. 'Yung meron silang utang pero hindi naman masyado bugbog sa kagaya ngayon.

Alam ko, alam ko na 'yung iba sa inyo, 'yung *[laughter]* it leaves a bad taste in the mouth kasi. 'Yung ATM ninyo *[laughter, cheers and applause]* nakasangla ngayon. *[laughter, cheers and applause]*

At if I were to tackle the problem, you have just --- the entire nation must be in unison kasi ho the only source of income of the government is taxes and that tax base natin is always computed sa ating wealth of the nation of the current national domestic gross product. Hindi ho tayo maka-imprenta ng pera.

We are allowed... we are controlled by the World Bank and the IMF, International Monetary Fund.

So ang standard nila is the dollar. So if they say that ang peso mo equivalent to dollar is about 49 now, or it might be 50 tomorrow or it might be 60.

Kung laruan tayo ng mga, itong mga, you know, the capitalists of the world.

That is why ang sabi noon ng mga leftist na group, maybe kasi I'm sick and tired of this --- we are almost a nation who has always been subjugated.

In many centuries ago, more than 700 years, 'yung mga Islam missionaries pumasok sa... from the Middle East, they travelled to Afghanistan, Central Asia, down to Thailand then to Malaysia, Indonesia.

But about that time, ang progression ng ano nila was towards Mindanao.

It was about that time that Magellan also pero ito, religion lang.

But the Spaniards, you know, came in, brought religion and government.

Kaya ako, sensitive ako sa mga issue na ganun, especially if they begin to criticize me about the economy or about how I run the country, how I'm desperately trying to protect the Filipino.

Meron 'yan silang values na which to me is very convoluted until now. Kasi they brought in --- well of course I have nothing against religion. Wala ako diyan. But when they brought the government, they bludgeoned the Filipinos here in the Visayas and Luzon and most of them were already settlements --- Lakandula, Sikatuna, Lapu-Lapu. They almost...

But pinatay talaga ito lahat ng mga Kastila and they are famous for that, 'yung inquisitions ng all over the world at that time, 'yung witch ba 'yun? Witch hunt.

If you have a mole at your back, you are considered a heretic or something, a witch, and then you are burned at stake.

'Yun 'yung kultura nila na inabot natin dito pati noon ang mga Pilipino, talagang pinagbubudyakan. You ask the pari.

And ako, I had the chance to go around a little bit. When I was a congressman, I visited the Federation, Malaysia pa noon and were about to perfect Singapore. The Malaysian Federation became noon Malaysia and I went to the archives at 'yung territorial talaga because ang --- by the way, my mother is a Mindanaoan, my father is from Danao, Cebu.

Talagang pinaluhod tayo tapos ngayon, it irritates me to no end to be lectured upon by Europeans and western world, even America.

Kaya ako, andiyan ngayon sa Time Magazine, isa daw ako sa mga strongman. Hindi naman ako strong man. *[laughter]*

I have never... You know, I have never sent anybody to jail for criticizing me. I said for all I care, 'yung security guard, police, general, o NPA o si Sison or a teacher or a gardener can criticize me and b*** s*** me to no end.

I will take that. You know why? You are my employer. I am your employee. I am just a government worker. *[applause]*

Kayo 'yung nagsusweldo eh sa akin. Ngayon, okay sa akin 'yan. Mayo Uno, magsigaw sila diyan, Gabriela, go ahead.

You use your freedom of expression. I have never sent anybody to jail for talking or bad mouthing me.

Pero kung foreigner ka, that is another thing. Maski na madre ka, maski na sabihin mong religious ka, eh sabi ko, q** s* j*** ka kung sino 'yung Diyos mo because I have my own God and your God may not be necessarily mine.

May concept ako ng Diyos ko eh. Same. Pero 'yung when you adopt a certain attitude towards a tribe, or a race and in the name of God, ganun rin.

Kayong mga Moro dito, do not be offended. I'm telling you now, I am a Maranao. Ang nanay ko mestiza Maranao, ang tatay niya Chinese.

But just like any other corrupt believer in Islam na pati 'yung... you know, you come up with something like killing infidels who are non-Muslims, when they're *[unclear]*. Hindi tayo because we are a Moro, we are not Arab. Huwag tayong pasunod-sunod diyan sa mga g*** na 'yan.

They kill for nothing, they destroy for nothing. And then they would like to kill the infidels, and who are the infidels? The Christians and others. G*** ka ba?

Pati itong... eh itong Katoliko, ganun. Umaabuso and you interfere so much, ang akala ninyo 'yung morality ninyo ang tama, ang amin mali.

Eh for all you know, pareho tayo. Ang bisyo ko, bisyo mo, may asawa akong pangalawa, tatlo naman 'yung inyo p***** i**. *[laughter and applause]* Eh totoo man. *[laughter]*

So 'yung may namatay na pari diyan ganun. Have you considered other angles? I am not at liberty to break the Constitution of the Philippines.

Pero hindi na naka...why would we kill priests and ako pa ang pagbintangan.

Eh ako, dumaan rin ako ng Ateneo. I got my law degree sa San Beda. Kalaban ko 'yung pari. Eh hindi naman talaga ako sumusunod noon.

Mag-graduate kami mag-retreat pa kami ng tatlong araw. Para kaming bakla diyan p***** i**. *[laughter]*

Bakit ka mag-retreat, retreat diyan na... *[garbled]* mag-graduate kasi ayaw ko raw magretreat. 'Di ba? Sinasayangan mo lang ang panahon ko. *[laughter]* Doon pa sa Tagaytay. Mag-sige lang tayo doon --- what? Sige dasal, meditation? O 'di, mag-Buddhist monk na lang ako kung ganun. *[laughter]*

There are things which I do not --- I've never been a con --- non-conformist ako. I do not conform.

Bantay ka pag sinabi mo sa akin "gawain 'yan." Hindi ko gawain 'yan. Ang sinusunod ko lang nanay ko.

Kasi pag hindi ko na-ano, doon ka sa altar. *[laughter]*

Sabi ko, 'yang mga religions, they're just about the same. Si Hesukristo, naka-ganun.

When I was young, I remember ang crucifix namin sa altar, ganun. Naka-ganun siya.

Nagpunta ako sa bahay namin ngayon, very rare and seldom. 'Yung Hesukristo naka-ganun na. *[laughter]*

Sabi ko, pagpasok ako doon sa altar, sabi ko, "Jess, naintindihan kita, alam ko pagod ka na." *[laughter]* Noon pa tayo, magkaharapan tayo pareho ang naratnan natin. Ikaw sa mga Hudyo, ako dito sa mama ko. *[laughter]*

Eh kung buhay pa 'yan si Soledad ngayon, idemanda ko ng child abuse 'yun. *[laughter]* Grabe ang nanay. Maski anong mahawakan nun.

But anyway, I love my mother so much. You know why?

Kasi she was the only person who kept faith in me. Kung nabuhay sana ang nanay ko *[applause]* she died a few years before... mga two years.

Kung nakita lang sana niya na naging --- nakita niya na naging mayor ako. But my father? Tumalikod 'yun sa buhay sa amin.

May kasabihan kami sa Bisaya eh. "Do," ibig sabihin "Adre, hanggang pantalan ka lang."

'Pag sinabi sa iyo 'yan, hanggang pantalan, ibig sabihin kargador lang ang matapos mo sa buhay mo.

So tumalikod siya, 'yun ang baon niya doon sa universal trip niya.

Ang akala niya kargador lang ako. *[laughter]* But anyway, one of these days, I would soar the heavenly bodies when I die and I would meet my father in one corner of the universe, which is really forever, 'yan ang eternal diyan sa... "Pa, medyo na-Presidente 'yung anak mo." *[laughter, cheers and applause]*

Alam mo sa totoo lang, maski kayo, alam ko nobody expected me to win at I swear by my oath of office, hindi ako nagdaya kailanman kasi wala akong makinarya --- [applause]--- wala akong [unclear]

Eh kung 'yung mga Cambridge --- Cambridge, Cambridge. [laughter] Cambridge na sapatos o Oxford na t-shirt?

I never had any money. I had about Imee, then Bataan si Obet, wala na. Manila wala nga akong... but anyway, kayo kasi, ang ibig kong sabihin dahil sa inyo kasi hindi kayo nagdaya. Salamat po. [unclear] ninyo ako.

And for Cebu, home province ng tatay ko, and even Danao City where my genes also.

And in Marawi, ang ano ko doon, ang atomic ano ko doon, molecules, from Lake Lanao, I got about 74 percent but in Cebu, I also got about 2 million votes.

Mindanao, Zubiri, Nograles because he's my pamangkin. 'Yung tatay niya si Speaker, 'yun ang kalaban ko. [laughter] Kasi kung hindi lang pinsan ko 'yung asawa niya, matagal nang patay 'yung buang na 'yun. [laughter]

And Zubiri and a lady na governor, I'll leave it to your wild imagination. [unclear] alam nila 'yan. And all because it was about love many, many years ago. Kaya ramihan mo 'yung mga babae mo, maski na may edad na siya. [laughter]

Si... I'm sorry but I brought along --- may ano kasi kami, may importanteng... we have... somebody is here so I brought along Berna --- Bernadette Romulo – Puyat, she's the undersecretary of... tumindig ka nga, Berna, magpakilala ka nga. [applause] Huwag ka magselos ha. [laughter] Maraming nakikinig eh, nagseselos rin. [laughter]

So ang akin is just to build a strong economy, that's the only way.

Ang una, ang inuna ko ang mga sundalo because I was already expecting a bloodbath.

Papasok pa lang ako sa kampanya, having been mayor of this city which is in Mindanao, alam ko na na puputok.

Kaya sabi ko mga abogado, doblado ang sweldo ninyo. Dumating ang panahon na, well, would you think otherwise if pagkatapos ng Marawi doon ko pa sabihin at marami nang patay.

You know, I will increase your salaries din. Pero ang inyo, kayo ang isunod ko [cheers and applause] pero hindi naman masyadong doblado, hindi talaga kaya. [laughter] Hindi talaga kaya.

And we've been trying to come up with a progressive ano --- Ako I'm not blaming anybody but simply there are too many Filipinos.

Ang resources natin wala. We have given up our prime lands to cash crop.

You know, you go --- kayong mga taga-Mindanao, you go around. Where are the [unclear] sa Agriculture. It's been leased, sold, or rented by multinationals. Puro cash crop --- pineapple, banana.

Pati 'yung upland rice natin, kinalimutan na natin. So we are 110 and ito sila Berna, sabi nila, we can never be sufficient. Because we simply lack the land.

And we have not been able to develop something else that would give us a more cargo na ano. It's always rice.

So matagal 'to. Ang aking habol lang dito is the economy is improving. Standard & Poor's says that we are already on the positive.

Ibig sabihin niyan --- ito si, alam man ni --- Berna can explain it better. Anak ito ni Secretary Romulo. She's a magna cum laude sa UP. *[applause]* She can... Alang-alang magkuha ako ng bugok. Pareho na kaming bugok. *[laughter]*

Eh hanggang 75 lang talaga ako. Kaya it took me seven years. Kaya sabi ng tatay ko, "hanggang pantalan ka lang." It took me seven years to finish high school. *[laughter]*

Maestra 'yung nanay ko. Sabi niya, "Ano ba Rodrigo? Ayaw mo ba talaga mag-aral?" "Kapoy man kasi 'yan, ma."

Tapos, minsan ilang beses niya ako nahuli sa labas 'yung nagtapon ng --- talagang hinampas ako niyan putol. Sige ako ganun, p*** maya-maya, bog! *[laughter]*

And I remember once, eskwela ako. 'Di napaalis ako sa Ateneo. Punta ako ng UM. Sa likod ng UM noon, maraming ano diyan tubaan eh. Hindi pa ganun ka-progressive 'yan.

Ginawa ko kasi nga talagang lasing na. Alas-onse pa umuwi ako doon. Pupunta na lang sana ako sa opisina ng tatay ko, matulog ako doon sa baba. Hindi ako inabot, sumuka ako diyan sa -- - diyan talaga sa istatwa ni Rizal. *[laughter]*

Pati si Rizal nun, inspirado talaga sa Pilipino. *[laughter]* Sabi, "p***** i** 'to na-Presidente pa." *[laughter]*

We have just improved the economy. Now, I'll give you the reason why. 'Yun muna --- Are you ready for a long talk? *[Crowd answers: Yes!]* Mga tsismosa talaga itong mga... *[laughter and cheers]*

I'll just begin. Even during the presidential debates, I was the first one to finish. You know why? Well. Before I became Mayor, I was a prosecutor, a trial prosecutor. All my life. So medyo sanay ako sa ganun. I could only manage a few bullets, 'ika nga. So madali akong matapos.

After that I said --- but I only gave you six promises. Five to be exact. Kasi... Kaya ako matapos at ginagawa ko noon, ginawa ko noon at ginagawa ko ngayon. And you will see, I promised you no graft and corruption. *[applause]* I will not really tolerate that. You know why? I was once a Tanodbayan special prosecutor. Wala pa 'yang Ombudsman. Noong panahon ni Marcos, it was called the Tanodbayan.

I was a special prosecutor and I was prosecuting cases in court. Graft and corruption. Mahirap naman pati ako ngayon magtitindig pa ng ganun, accusing you stealing money. Kaya talagang iniwasan ko 'yan. Maski noong mayor ako for 22 years dito. Wala ako niyan.

Meron kang masabi sa pagkatao ko. Plenty. Pero 'yung pera, wala 'yan. Ang problema, ang babae. *[laughter]*

Kaya may asawa ako. May dalawang asawa ako. Pero sa harap ninyo, isang special na girlfriend. Tanungin ninyo ako sa likod kung ilan talaga lahat. *[laughter]* Sabihin ko sa inyo ang totoo. Ito for purposes of lying in public, isa lang. *[laughter]*

Then I promised you, I will stop crime and drugs. *[applause]* If you have an internet, hanapin ninyo 'yung doon sa documentaries. Dope. I was viewing it last night.

In Baltimore, the capital --- grand capital of America. Harap-harapan parang tiangge talaga. Naawa ako sa Americano, pati kay Trump. Hindi din nila mapigil. Harap-harapan ang transaction. Cocaine, marijuana, heroin. Kawawa.

View it tonight kung meron kayong internet, doon sa documentary. 'Yung Dope. Kawa --- ako naawa ako sa Amerikano. Hindi nila talaga kaya. Ayaw nilang pumatay eh. Doon, harap-harapan. Pasa-pasahan. 'Pag parking, o bigay. P***** i** gawin mo 'yan dito, ah sigurado. *[laughter]* Buti pa maghanap ka na ng pre-need diyan sa...

You know, I said when I became mayor, when I ran, I said and I said it when I was President, do not destroy my country because I will kill you. 'Yung hindi naniwala niyan, talaga --- Eh wala akong magawa, sinabi ko ng...

Sabi ko, "do not destroy the young of the land because I will really kill you." Period. Bakit ko hindi gawin 'yan? Huwag tayong mag-bolahan. How much will you receive if you retire? And me? Mine would be about siguro nine million, pegged to the highest salary. Presidente ako, I get about 200.

Meron akong --- matagal ako sa gobyerno. But itong mga sundalo. Mag-retire kayo ng 60, magkano lang makuha mong pension? Would that last 60 tapos buhayin ka ng another ng Panginoon Diyos, 10 to 15 years? Seventy, 80, even... Magkasya kaya 'yan?

Na pagdating mo ng 55, 56, nagtuturo ka ng --- Rayuma, because nakatindig kayo palagi eh. *[laughter]* Arthritis. Totoo 'yan. Diabetes. Hypertension. Kidney. Tapos, ang mga anak mo 'yun na lang nga ang income kung hindi makatapos, kung nasa droga.

On your dying days, sinong mag-subo sayo ng lugaw sa bunganga mo? Sinong magbili ng oxygen mo? Sinong magbayad ng PhilHealth mo? Eh kung adik 'yang p***** i**** 'yan, sinong maggastos niyan? *[applause]*

Mga Pilipina, nandoon sa labas, nire-rape. Nagtatrabaho, walang kain, walang tulog. Sige padala ng pera dito. At alam nila nandiyan sa isang community, may allowance siyang tinatanggap. 'Yan ang sinasa... pardon the word. Hanggang bumigay 'yung bata. They work on bended knees, on their knees, abused. Pagdating dito, padala pera, wala. Because naubos sa droga.

Diyan ako nasasaktan. 'Pag 'yan ang gawain mo, p***** i** mo papatayin talaga kita. Maniwala ka. Sinabi ko sa inyo, "huwag." Huwag 'yan kasi masakit sa akin 'yan. Kasi alam ko ang buhay kasi galing akong mahirap.

Ang tatay ko, hindi 'yan pupunta dito kung nakikita niya na may future siya sa Cebu. And because the sloganeering then was, "go to Mindanao because it was a land of promise."

Lahat dito na hindi Maranao, Maguindanao, Iranun, Kagan, o Davao, Sama tapos Yakan, Tausug. If you are not... not the, not Islam. But 'yun ang native dito. Most of them or all of them were converted into Islam.

Lahat ng pumunta dito na Bisaya, Tagalog, Bicolano, Ilonggo. We are not the originals of Mindanao. At least, kayo. Ako half. 'Yan ang totoo. Kaya 'yang giyera ngayon is territorial. It is not a war of religion. It never has been. It is not now. But it could turn into something ugly.

Kaya nga mabuti't nandito kayo. Ma-explain ko. At least a sizeable crowd. Anyway, 'yun droga. Hindi ko talaga masikmura 'yan. Human rights, t*** i** wala akong pakialam sa inyo. You take care of your own country.

We have so many problems. Si Sister --- *[What's her name?]* With due respect, may problema ka sa Australia. 'Yung migrants na galing --- lumulutang diyan ng ilang buwan. When they finally were able to reach the shores of Australia, you drove them away. What happened to the aborigines there? How did you --- your fathers treated them?

The American Indians. Tapos kung magturo-turo kayo ng --- You know, when you come to equity, you must come with a clean hand. If you want justice, ikaw mismo must practice justice.

You have no business demanding from other tribes or other nations, when you are yourself a son of a b****. Just like Germany, France, Britain, what did they do in the past? They went inside the Middle East. Conquered the Arabs there. Got their oil. Built their industries that high.

Tapos ngayon, arbitrarily they divided the Middle East. They went to war, the Americans invaded Iraq on a pretext that there were weapons of mass destruction. Well, when they were there already there was none. The father started it --- Bush 1, Bush 2. And by the way, on both *[unclear]* we were there to help the Arabs.

'Yun ang. 'Yan ang problema diyan sa kanila. Tapos ako nandiyan sa cover ngayon sa Time Magazine. Si Putin. May isa pa, sa Turkey si Erdogan. We pronounce it Erdogan, pati si Put. Kami daw 'yung mga strongman na --- we repres...

Kailan pa ba ako naghari-hari dito sa Pilipinas? Wala akong pinakulong dito na nag-satsat sa akin. 'Yan lang kasi campaign promise ko 'yan eh.

The fact is I won the presidency, I had no machinery, political or otherwise, but I won it by six million because most of the people, the six million majority, plus 'yung 15 million ko, I was the only one carrying the message that was appropriate at that time --- corruption, drugs. *[applause]*

'Di na ako makaatras diyan. Por Dios. Kaya 'yang corruption, 'pag ganun alis ka. Well, I'll give you time. Pero those who are into it now, in government, published or otherwise, may you have the sense just to tender the resignation.

I do not want kasi 'yung iba noon. I realized that there was this one guy that I fired. Tapos when I started to read the report, may mga anak na abogado, may anak na doktor. Kaya...

And I am not fond of really insulting people in government. You'd never see na ako mag-insulto ganun sa publiko. Tawagin kita, doon sa likod. 'Yan, budyakan kita doon pero... *[laughter]*

Maski 'yang dito na mayor ako, magkamali ka ng [traffic?], basta nakita nandiyan 'yung asawa mo, anak mo. Sabihin ko lang, "huwag mo ng ulitin."

Pero kung ikaw g*** ka, pulis ka diyan lasing ka. Ah, t*** i** mo. So 'yan sabi ko, corruption, drugs. 'Di talaga pwede. Hindi ko masikmura 'yan. Kaya kung sinong nakikinig na may kilala, umalis ka na. Mamatay ka talaga. Anak ng p**** i**, mamatay ka talaga.

So wala akong, wala akong... Then I told you I'd talk to the enemies of the state. So I started the talks. I got in some communists. Sila Taguiwalo. Komunista man 'yan. Sila, Mariano. But then something went wrong.

And so sabi ng iba sa Cabinet, you know, kasi 'yung pera na --- ano 'yan? 'Yung Pantawid. Pati sa mga kampo, dumating doon 'yung mga envelope.

Sabagay, wala man sa akin 'yan. Iba 'yung sa komunista. Okay sa akin. Ang bigas, mag-abot sa komunista, pagkain 'yan. Huwag lang bala pati baril. Bale wala akong --- I do not have any dynamics there. Okay sa akin. Okay sa akin but you know, you have to contend with the military.

They were really objecting to it already. And so being the President of the Republic at outlawed man talaga ang komunista, I had to make the decision. So napaalis sila.

But it was not really of my own making. It was Congress who rejected outright their appointment. Kasi kailangan may concurrence ng Congress. But I tried.

So kami ni Sison ngayon, sige kami mag-usap tapos mag-murahan. Eh estudyante niya ako. Propesor ko talaga 'yan.

Sabi ko, "mahirap sa iyo ayaw kang magpa-disiplina sa estudyante mo." [laughter] Eh ganun ang buhay eh. Once upon a time, I was filled with idealism.

'Yan ang buhay eh. You are challenged by what you see, the multitude of people, poverty ganun. Ako, it's always question... At the end of the day, if we talk all the problems about the world, about our --- it's poverty. Poverty talaga. Eh kung lahat lang may trabaho...

Well, 'yung drugs. Kagaya ng America. Iba 'yun. Kung maawa ka lang 'yung, you should...

There was an interview with a man na --- parang mag-asawa sila. Tapos maya-maya may lalaking ano, gagamitin 'yung asawa niya, aakyat lang sa --- what a miserable life. Naawa ako sa America sa totoo lang.

So I can understand Trump. Nag-declare nga siya ng emergency eh. Tingnan mo 'yung mga p***** i**** ito mga human rights dito.

'Di si Bato, tokhang [makes a knocking sound].

Tokhang is toktok sa Bisaya, toktok 'yun sa Bisaya plus hang kasi hangyo. Ano ba 'yung Tagalog niyang y***? Kasi Tagalog man siya. [laughter]

Makiusap. O 'yan [unclear]. Matuto kayong mag-Bisaya. 'Sus. [laughter] Toktok pati hangyo --- 'yung pleading, to plead, ganun.

So they criticized Bato. Then of recently, FBI was able to seize or confiscate an apparatus of dark website, tawag nila. Naglabas lahat 'yung mga transaction doon sa cartel and the names of those --- 'yung mga supplier.

Alam mo ang ginawa ng America? They continue with the business and when it was the right time, huli sila. Alam mo anong ginawa nila? *[makes a knocking sound]* Tokhang rin. Tapos sabi nila si Bato, kawawa naman noon, violator ng human rights.

'Yun, the hypocrisy of it all. Kaya ayaw ko sila. Gusto ko 'yun 'yung face, come to face-to-face with me. Do not --- 'yung parang you sport to be too cavalier fashion of saying it, 'yun pala isa kang t*****.

Sabi ko nga, "He who comes to equity, must come with clean hands." So ngayon nag-usap kami ni... Sabi ko, "one last try." Sabi ko sa military, you know I am not a soldier, I am not a policeman. I am a President who must seek out peace because we cannot fight forever. I cannot kill my own countrymen for all time.

So may 60 days. Sabi ko kay Sison, come home, do not ask me to go there. Ang ating pinag-awayan, itong Pilipinas na 'to, dito tayo magtapos. *[laughter]* Come back here, I will spend for your, lahat, trip. I will spend for everything, lodging muna and we'll talk for a very small window of 60 days. Then, in the fullness of God's time, we might be able to reach a deal.

Ang MI, I've started to talk. MN, si Nur sabi niya, "Well, give us time to think about it, sleep on it and the President also," para makahanap sila. But at least there is a temporary truce.

Now the only thing bothering us now is terrorism. Terrorism is --- they are using Islam in a very corrupt manner. So I'm doing it --- corruption, drugs, I'm talking to our enemies, tsaka sabi ko hindi ako makialam.

Now for the information of all, you can ask anybody, anybody for that matter, walang transaction sa gobyerno na umaabot sa mesa ko. 'Pag ikaw, department secretary ka, si Briones, I do not ask Briones how to run her business.

I would just listen, I never direct. "So what's your problem?" Ganito, ganito. "Well, I find threat, find a solution." It's always money. So magshe-share ako kay Ben.

Mayor ako nandiyan na 'yan siya. So, si Sir Ben. He's the only one nagshe-share ako. Sabi ko, "Sir Ben anong..."

Sonny Dominguez. Sonny Dominguez is my kababata, we grew up together dito sa Davao, and he's bright. Valedictorian 'yan since kindergarten.

Nauna na lang 'yan doon sa... Ako nagpaiwan. *[laughter]* Seven years na ako... You know --- alam mo kung saan ako nag-graduate ng high school? It used to be one big Davao, wala --- wala naman akong ibig sabihin but it was only one big Davao, my father was the governor.

He was the last elected na isang Davao pa. Now it's Davao del Sur, Oriental, Norte, and then Occidental, then you have ComVal Valley and Davao City.

Doon ako nag-graduate noon sa municipality of Digos. Doon ako umabot, ang layo. *[laughter]* And the brothers of the Sacred Heart, mga Canadians, are missionary educators.

They were really... "Ha? Wala kang alam?" Because I could not read and write a straight essay. What they asked me to do was after alas singko, dismissal, I had to study for four more hours sa library, and they required me to memorize the dictionary. *[laughter]*

Kaya paglabas ko sa --- doon, ang husay ko na sa... The hardest noon ng --- ano ito, crossword is Herald. Minamani ko 'yan noon. Nung nag-lipat na ang interest ko sa babae, wala na lahat. *[laughter]* Wala na akong nalaman. No more.

Totoo. Hindi ako nag *[unclear]*. Late bloomer talaga ako. Kaya 'yung mga bata hayaan lang ninyo 'yan. Oo. Magpunta ng pantalan 'yan pero baka ma-presidente 'yan. *[laughter]*

Totoo, who would ever think. Kasi kaming taga-Davao, magtanong kayo, 'yang mga maestra dito, who would ever think that...

I was as surprised as God when I won. Sabi ko nga sa asawa ko, 'wag mo na lang tanungin 'yung number, basta 'yung asawa ko. *[laughter]*

Alam mo mga kumadre, kumpadre, kung mismong sakyanan, bakal 'yan, may reserba, tao pa kaya? *[laughter, cheers and applause]* Hindi na tumatawa si Berna.

Walang transaction na umaabot sa akin. Tanong ka maski sino. At saka 'yang --- just to mention it in passing. You must know of somebody who's a congressman o 'yung mga Justices. Hindi talaga ako nakialam niyan.

You know why? 'Yan si Nograles na 'yan filed about six cases sa akin. Dumating ako ng Supreme Court --- politika siyempre. Dumating ako ng Supreme Court with four of the cases and I won.

Hindi naman talaga ako mahilig 'yang pera-pera. And yet I never filed a single case against him because I'm not up to it. Ayaw ko talaga 'yang mag *[unclear]*, para sa akin hindi lalaki. Gusto mo barilan na lang tayo. Totoo. Gusto mo --- gusto mo? Sige.

Pero 'yang sabi mo mag-demanda... That's a lousy... Hindi na ako makialam sa finances, hindi talaga ako nakialam. Wala man... ang grado ko sa Economics.

Ang Economics ko 'yung sa high school pati 'yung college, 'di dalawang subject lang 'yan. Sabi ko, why... Well, ili... Alam mo kung ano na nung Presidente ako, saan ako nagbasa talaga ng economics?

It's a very easy reading and if you happen to buy one, buy it for your children. 'Yung economics for the dumb, may libro 'yan. 'Yung simple lang talaga.

So I read then after reading the basics again, eh kasi 'pag maalala ko bumagsak pa ako ng economics na 'yan. Wala man akong hilig diyan sa negosyo.

At saka 'yung fill in that statistics, tsaka 'yung legal accounting. Payment 500, debit. Credit 500. P**** i** bakit isang listahan lang? Ilista mo lang dito 'yung gastos mo, 'wag mo na 'yang ipaulit-ulit doon, nakakahilo eh. *[laughter]*

Eh ikaw... Magna ka man. Bakit --- bakit ganun? Six hundred due to x. Debit, credit, debit, credit. O, pagpa-plus mo ito, *[Speaks Bisaya]* parehong numero. Ilista mo lang magkano ang gastos mo, 'yung kinita mo. 'Yun ang mathema --- 'yun ang ano.

That's why ako, 'pag ayaw ko 'yung subject na 'yan, ayaw ko mag-aral. Pero one of my favorites really is Geometry pati Algebra. Gusto ko 'yung mga ganun.

Pero 'yang three na statistics maski ngayon, doon sa opisina, diyan Malacañan, ito nag debt tayo, nahihilo na ako kanina ka pa. P**** i**. *[laughter]* Stop it. I'm getting dizzy. You simplify life.

Kaya ang style ko, simple lang rin. Pero sa totoo niyan --- file --- hindi ako nakikialam. Wala akong finalan (file) na... Magtanong ka miski sinong Justice kung may tinawagan ako.

Nagalit lang ako kasi pagdating ko sinabi niya na ako daw na ang nag... Kaya ako nagsabi, p***** --- sinabi ko sayong wala akong pakialam diyan." Nagkamali lang talaga siya eh. Totoo lang. Maling-mali talaga.

Maski pagkatapos ng quo warranto na 'yan, whatever, she can ask personally everybody there, hindi ako nakikialam. Diyan lang ako. I study 'yung mga transaction sa --- 'yung bank sa mga --- Central Bank o 'yung mga borrowings natin.

'Yun ang pinag-aaralan ko kasi diyan ako mahina eh. Talagang binabasa ko ang appointments. Syempre 'pag ganun, tapos may nakita ako picture diyan. Ito ba talaga ang mukha nito? *[laughter]*

"Sir, 'yan talaga ang aplikante." "Ganito kaganda?" *[laughter]* "Papuntahin mo sa opisina." *[laughter and applause]*

Kaya itong --- ito, nagpunta ang mga Department of Agriculture. Mayor, ganun talaga ako magsalita, but you know, I cannot change of this very late age. You'll just have to take me as for what I am.

If you cannot understand me or you cannot give an allowance for --- sa aking ugali, pasensya ka. Anyway, this is the last, wala naman akong mapuntahan actually.

"Mayor gustong makipagusap ang --- ang Undersecretary ng Agriculture sa iyo and about coffee." Sabi ko, "Busy ako." Pero at about, sabi ko mga 8, meron --- after this meron ako. After, mga 8:30 I'd be in the Marco Polo," sabi ko. Kasi 'yung daughter ko sa second wife ko, si Veronica.

Masipag eh. Alangan may second wife, 'di syempre manganak ka talaga, ano man gawain ko? *[laughter]*

Well anyway, sabi ko nandiyan ako o. 'Di pagdating ko, may isang table diyan, nandun na si Sonny Dominguez, the owner of Marco Polo, classmate ko, bright 'yan.

Tapos 'yung asawa ko, magkakilala sila, 'yung anak kumakain. 'Yung anak ko, strangely, I hope she would not be offended. Nagpapasubo hanggang ngayon. She's 14 years old.

Nagtataka kasi ako, ang nanay niya, ako ang --- pinasusubo ko. Sige lang na ganun 'yung cellphone niya. *[laughter]* Hungit. Hungit 'yan sa Bisaya. So pagpasok ko nandoon 'yung isang table na prepared, may mga bakante.

'Di tindigan. "Good evening, Mayor." "O, saan na 'yung ano ninyo, undersecretary niyo?" "Sir, wala pa, coming." "Anong coming? Coming na coming or she's coming? Maraming coming dito ha. That word is very dangerous.

"So will she be here?" "Wala pa-landingan na, ewan ko." "Saan?" "Sa airport o sa kama?" *[laughter]*

T*** i**** 'yan sabi ko hindi ako magtagal kasi pakainin ko lang itong anak ko, ganyan ako magsalita. Medyo terrorist na pagod. "Saan maglanding? Landing sa kama o...?"

Pinapakain ko 'yung anak ko, dumating 'tong g***** na 'to. Umikot doon kay Sonny, beso-beso sila. Pagtingin kong ganun, maganda 'to ah. *[laughter]*

Tapos hindi man ako makatingin kay ang asawa ko nakatingin sa mata ko. *[laughter]* So concentrate lang ako doon sa anak ko. *[laughter]*

Pagtindig ko, akala ko ibang crowd, may mga tisoy 'yan, 'yan mga tisay, ito pamilya. Pumunta na ako doon harap, "O saan na 'yung, t*** i****..."

Akala ko kasi undersecretary, alam mo na, karamihan ng mga undersecretary 'yung may mga leftover 'yan eh. *[laughter]* 'Yung mga matatanda na, na --- *[laughter]*, na lalaki, na nakabarong.

Tapos medyo karamihan sa kanila, sa awa ng Diyos, wala na 'yung mga buhok by that time. *[laughter]* Gusot-gusot na ang mukha.

"Secretary..." Tapos 'yan umikot, umupo. Sabi ko "Sshh, sshh, siya man 'yan?" "Ay o, sorry ah, ma'am." Sabi ko, upo ako. "Sige, ma'am, ano 'yung kape mo?"

May mga foreigners dito started to rattle off, eh English-speaking. Nakikinig lang ako kanya, sige ako, "Mmmm." *[laughter]* Tapos sabi, "So okay 'yan, Mayor?" Sabi ko, "Anong okay?" *[laughter]*

Sinabi ko, "Ulitin mo, hindi ako nakinig kanina." *[laughter]* Ulit na naman siya.

So 'yun. Tapos nandoon kami sa --- kay Bato. Sige na ako ano sa kanya bulong, "Kailan ka uwi? Huwag muna," sabi ko. *[laughter]* Sabi ko, "Mag-dinner na lang tayo?" "No, because the regional office is preparing."

'Di sabi ko sa kanya, andiyan sa internet, somebody --- some idiot placed it there. Nilagay niya 'yung kamay niya diyan sa ano, 'di hinawakan ko ng ganun. *[laughter]* Tingnan mo, nandiyan sa internet.

'Yan. Sige siyang ganun, hinihila niya. "What are you doing?" *[laughter]* "You just shut up maraming NPA dito mabaril tayo."

[Unclear] Sus. Sabi ko, "Magpayag ka dinner o bitawan kita?" "Sige na sige, oo na." Dinner kami.

Now, she's visiting for the second time, magkaibigan lang kami, wala kami. Magkaibigan lang. *[laughter]* Tingnan mo sa internet parang si g***, naka ganun. 'Yung mukha ni hindi madrawing. But we're the best of friends. So 'yan ang... *[unclear]* ko.

You --- you guys. 'Yung kayong mga Moro makinig kayo sa akin ha. We come from the same spring.

Alam mo huwag nating sundin 'yung Arabo. Do not allow ISIS, fundamentally Arabs to influence the culture of the Moro who are fundamentally also of the Malay race.

We got the Islam, it's good. It is a way of life, it is civilized, it is a kind religion, as a matter of fact, I think the best religion.

Now pagka hindi ito magkaintindihan, and the talks failed and that's about the only sole singular reason why I am for a federal system. Some say na gusto nila ako mag-overtake.

I do not have any, the slightest inclination to stay 24 hours more than what is given to me by the Constitution.

Kaya sabi na the only reason na mag-federal tayo is itong territorial sa Mindanao because pagpasok ng Kristiyanismo, lahat nag-occupy ng lupa, pushing them further into enclaves, parang grupo-grupo na lang kasi marami nang mga dayo, and the lumads went farther to the mountains, to the higher brinks.

Ang problema ngayon, they are demanding na isauli lang naman sa kanila 'yung territorial ancestral of their place.

Like for example, the BBL, 'yung lugar diyan banda, they want to carve out a new territory.

I don't know about the Maranao kasi kaming mga Maranao hindi rin kami magkaintindihan.

But you know, sabi ko, "you have to decide." Like to decide one way or the other but you have to decide. It's hearing time to do it.

Si Nur, kausapin ko siya. Well, we can make arrangement diyan bandang at the end of the Zamboanga Peninsula towards South. Ang --- 'yan ang setup.

So kailangan natin i-maintain 'yan. We will not allow ISIS to come in. ISIS is a foreign ideology. It is not Islam. It is a violent and vicious thing.

So sabihin ko sa inyo. Sabihin ko na ngayon why, bakit sinabi nila, "Ito si Duterte, bakit hindi na niya i-assert ang China Sea?"

I'll talk about America. You were already around. I'm sure seven or eight years ago, there were already intelligence reports, overflights by so many countries, including ours, that something was afoot there, that they were trying to build 'yung reclamation.

At that time, because it's a violation of the International Law of the Seas, UNCLOS, the only country who could have stopped the Chinese although [unclear] is in China --- was America.

Hindi 'yun pwede 'yung navy natin. It would have resulted in a massacre and I was not the President then.

So Aquino filed an arbitration case. We won. He was still there. Bakit hindi niya ginawa kung 'yan talaga ang gusto ng 'yan silang mga yellow. Nanalo kayo. Nandiyan pa si Aquino, not so many months there. Bakit hindi niyo pinuntahan at sinita?

Then when he left, there were already some additional --- well, accretion, but artificial. You cannot build an island, artificial island on the high seas. That's not allowed. And the only country who could have stopped them was America.

Merong mang seven fleet dito. Eh 'di pinarking (parking) sana nila 'yung barko niya at sinita ninyo. But ito --- What's funny is America --- Silipin ninyong mabuti. Kaya galit ako eh. And if I die, 'pag pumutok 'yung eroplano ko, naroon inside ako, you can be sure it's the CIA.

Walang ginawa at hinayaan nila. And when Aquino... Sige lang build, build doon. Ako naman, I was assessing. If I go there with the Marines first, then the police and the soldiers, the army, it could... massacre. I would just have allowed the killing of my soldiers and policemen.

Wala --- Ang armada nila eh. Wala tayo. Ganun ang ano --- Hindi nga...

So ang akin, naipit ako and there was this --- Ganito ha, makinig kayo. This the last. But you can only get it from me, nobody else. This is mine, my assessment.

Ang ISIS is running out of land mass in the Middle East. Pinagpapatay na kasi sila doon eh. Ngayon, they would seek sanctuary somewhere else. Naturally, kung mamili sila, it has to be where there are Muslims.

Parang NPA may masa. So saan man dito? Kung gusto --- If they want to wage war, where will they do it? In Malaysia? Puro Muslim. In Indonesia? Brunei?

Tapos sabi nila, "we want to kill all infidels." Where would you find the so many infidels you want to kill? Mindanao. Dito mag-umpisa 'yan. Nandito 'yung infidels, pati 'yung mga Moro na hindi man susunod sa kanila eh. Hindi naman mga Moro 'yan, Pilipino rin.

The infidels are the non-Muslims. Dito 'yan. So ngayon, "bakit si Duterte would not assert?" In the first place, about the main reason is that it would result in a massacre. T*** i**. Mauubos talaga.

Ang Manila and the nearest military airport ng China is only 17 minutes away. If you declare war, pulpog tayo lahat. Well, that is the reality of it all.

Now, bakit --- Why? Kasi nung una, nagbili ako ng armas because alam ko na. I said before the elections puputok 'to. So we ordered arms, 23,000 for the police.

There are many arms. Pero by the so many thousand na dumadaan diyan sa barrel na 'yan, pulpog na 'yan. Wala ng direction.

You know, ang --- There's a... Tawag nila land pati grooves. Kaya it has a steady trajectory, kaya lumalabas 'yan sa barrel. Umiikot 'yung bala at high speed. 'Di mo ma-ano, kaya it has its own wind. Maski na 'yung mahal, diretso-diretso 'yan kasi may sarili siya. May sarili siyang makina and that is 'yung --- Paglabas niya, naka...

Time to change kasi alam ko matagal na, mga 1972 pa 'yang mga armas ng pulis. Nag-order ako only to --- Sabi ng America na, "No, we will not deliver it." Because some of their congressmen and senators objected.

Ganun ang America eh. Halos tabla eh, in parity. It's always in parity 'yung presidency pati congress. So and I'm being [unclear].

So wala akong maisip. Pumunta ako sabi ko, mag punta ako ng China." Magbili na lang ako. Sabi ko, "Wala akong pera. Can you give me a liberal schedule of payments? Maybe 25, 30 years, may grace period."

Nakinig si Xi Jinping. Sabi niya, "do not worry. I'll give it to you for free. Tapos medyo kulang, mag hingi ka lang rin."

Pumunta akong Russia. Tapos sabi ni --- Nakikinig si Putin sa akin. And that was the day pumutok na ang Marawi. Sabi niya, "Do not worry. I'll give you."

So to this day --- to this day, ni papel o lapis walang hiningi ang China pati Russia. At sinabi ko sa kanila, "I am not ready, you know, to enter into military alliances because we have this RP-US pact." Kung may treaty ako dito, hindi ako pwedeng pumasok ng other treaties.

But you know what? Ganito ang --- Hindi --- Pati ang sila, itong... Bakit ko nilagay diyan? Mas mabuti ng may garantiya ako. Kung tutulong man ang America, which I doubt, meron sila 'yung mga missile-missile.

Pero 'yung foot soldiers, ang America allergic diyan 'yan. They have lost so many wars. So 'yang China --- China said, "we will protect you. We will not allow the Philippines to be destroyed. Nandito lang kami at kung gusto mo, anytime, tawagin mo kami."

Meron ang America, she's not going to protect us. Ang sabi ko, "Sige, diyan ka lang. Malayo pa lang. I know the paradigm of the American. [unclear] war.

Ang China. Kasi when you talk to itong China, Russia, isang salita lang. "We will be there." Itong America, itong mga Italy, wala 'yan. Mga puting i****. Totoo. Takot lang 'yan mamatay.

Sa ang kanila, 'yung mga arms. And that's the funny thing. They keep on criticizing us or go to war and yet they are building the war machineries and sell us.

'Yan ang nakakatawa sa kanila. Where do we get the bullets, the guns? From them, from the Americans. So 'yan ang... That is the geopolitics of it.

Diyan ko lang --- Hintay ka lang diyan ha. But sinabi ko in a bilateral meeting the first time I went there, sinabi ko na diretso --- wala akong ginawa --- in front of my Cabinet members, full Cabinet members, nag bilateral kami harap-harapan --- andiyan sila Año, Chief of Staff, sila Lorenzana, Esperon, National Security Adviser.

Sinabi ko na, "I will go there to dig my oil." 'Yan ang ginamit ko. "Dig."

Sabi ni Xi Jinping, "you know, we are soft-spoken men. We just found our new friendship. Let us not spoil it" [unclear] so do not go there [unclear] there might be trouble.

Ngayon, kayong mga Intsik, if you know that, when they say trouble, it's violence.

Kaya sabi ko, not at this time. But remember, before my term ends, I will have to demand to talk about this arbitration.

I cannot let my administration pass without really insisting because I am doing it for my country. I am not doing it for myself. So 'yan. [applause]

Kaya 'yang steady lang 'yang America, ang China diyan. Ngayon kung magkaipitan, if this Mindanao would be a battleground, kasi nga pag-awayin ang Middle East, I see a beautiful lady chewing a gum. Either she is hungry or she is hiding her face. Gutom ka na, ma'am? *[laughter]*

You've been chewing since... I know you are hungry so I have to go. *[laughter]* She's over there with a chewing gum. Nonstop 'yan. *[laughter]*

So 'yan that is my message. It might be incomplete. I have so many things to say to you but for lack of time, I have to say my goodbyes and I have a visitor. Kaya nga nandito si... siya 'yung nagdala ng bisita.

By the way, we are just the best of friends. Alam mo, mga Pilipino --- *[laughter and applause]*

She's actually Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, 'yung... byuda 'to. *[laughter]* Oo, totoo. At the age of 45? Forty ka na-byuda? Halika na kay... *[laughter]* I will supply the remaining years of your... *[laughter, cheers and applause]*

Biro lang 'yun. I have to go. Salamat ha. *[applause]*

Remember, the economy. Pag nag-improve 'yan, kayo ang sunod. Honest. *[applause]* Pero incremental ha, walang biglaan. Marami kayo. You are five times more or seven times more than the soldiers. *[applause]*

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