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Kindly sit down. Maraming salamat po.

Alam mo... The written piece is good. It says about everything, money and corruption.

Alam mo historically ang purgatoryo talaga ng Pilipinas and --- people look at these two agencies with disdain and even cynical sila. And I had to look for the best men to run these two organizations: the Bureau of Customs and the BIR.

Hirap ako kasi kapa ako noong pagpasok ko. But I promised the Filipino people that mabigyan kayo ng at least a respite of the massive corruption everyday.

I choose Dulay, he's an Ilocano, from Baguio. Kasama ko sa dormitoryo 'yan. At I know him from head to foot, his character and his values.

Si Sid naman was my chief of police noon then City Police director. And the... Before his retirement, he was the chief of operations I think of the Philippine National Police. Puro Ilocano 'to. Actually sa Cabinet ko lahat Ilocano, dalawang Bisaya na lang naiwan diyan.

And but itong mga Ilocano na ito hindi ito ano --- Ilocanong Davao ito. Well, si Sid started as a Davao lieutenant of the --- [unclear] or captain? Of the Philippine Constabulary.

Magkakilala na kami hanggang ngayon. [garbled] Itong sila Pimentel, they were assigned in Davao for so long. So that --- kilala ko talaga ang core values nitong mga tao na ito.

And they prefer always honor and service to the country. Ah may mga tao na cynic, especially media. Hindi naman lahat pero ang akala nila sila lang kasi ang --- who have the capacity to be honest.

And everything that we do dito sa gobyerno is always corrupt, wrong at ang masakit diyan tayo ang tinatamaan. Kagaya pati dito eh lahat tayo --- we've built our careers on the way we think that we can promote the country and the interest of government.

Itong few guys, sila 'yung nagsisira ng gobyerno, engaging into this illegal importation and all. Ang Customs ganun rin. Ang baba nang tingin. Maski sa amin kung magka-bahay --- "Oh bahay ng Customs 'yan. Bahay ng BIR." Ganun talaga. Kotse ganun.

So... I am not condemning anybody. As a matter of fact, I would tell you that kung may problema ka na mabigat --- just like the military and police --- for example extraordinary expenses. It's not within the ordinary course of living day-to-day.

Mahirap lang talaga. Maliit ang sweldo sa gobyerno maniwala kayo. And... Ako I am from... I started as a 7th sa prosecutors office until I became President. I know na talagang kulang.

Well, sabi ko sa inyo if there is anything that you cannot afford --- maybe karamihan niyan cancer pati ang --- 'yung mga medications, you can always go to my office.

There's money. You do not have to extort us or beg. All you have to do is to say, "Mayor, may problema ako. Alam mo asawa ko nagkaroon ng cancer." I will look for ways. If not, I will borrow. Hindi ako magdadalawang-isip maghiram sa ibang tao basta hindi sa akin.

And I can always call many of them. And they have the money and they can help us. Pero 'yung babawiin mo sa smuggling, one way or the other, magkakaroon ka talaga ng problema.

Kasi ang negosyo na 'yan very open. It's really... It's not a translucent, a transparent glass there. So makikita ng mga kasama mo kung anong bisyo mo. And the way you progress in life, start with just an ordinary house, then you transfer. Makikita eh nang makikita.

So there is no way of escaping the public notice and the public's --- maybe condemnation.

At kami dito naman sa... Ako ang nag-appoint sa iyo, magkalat ka. Tapos mag... Alam mo na this is a democracy.

And will always say that nakasali ka... Para bang hangol ka sa pera. And at the expense of other people's reputation, sisirain mo lahat. Sabi ko naman I know that there are events in your life, in my life, that would be extraordinarily in the sense that you need more than what you are paid for.

So kung pagdating ng panahon na ganun, lumapit ka lang sa akin. I have the money. You collected in behalf of the government. Let's all share. And I'm willing to do that but make it legal.

Kasi pag doon na, magpasa na, maghingì tayo kay Diokno. Sabihin natin na kailangan natin ng dagdag. Dalawang tao lang ang --- pagka pera na ang pag-usapan diyan sa Cabinet: itong si Dominguez pati si Diokno. "No, no, no, no, no, no." Sige lang no.

Sabi ko --- saan na itong p*... Saan na 'yang pera natin kung sige lang kayo no diyan? Pero itong mga ganun na ano, mga humanitarian, we are always open.

Lalo na sa nagta-trabaho. Hindi ka na kailangan mag... Maghingi ka sa akin and I will make it legal for you to get the money from government.

You need how much? I'll give you. Hanggang --- Anuhin man namin 'yang pera hindi man amin 'yan. For all I care ubusin ko 'yan sa tao. Eh hindi ko rin naman manakaw na lang. Eh 'di ibigay ko sa tao. I am not interested in...

So today... Wala man dito 'yung... Today as a starter, a personal travel to Singapore, personal travel to Singapore, personal travel to Europe. Alam mo ba na hindi pa ako na... Nakapunta lang ako when I was a congressman, kami ni Villar. We passed by Paris. But we were on our way --- palabas na, pauwi na. Hindi ako nakapuntang Europe ni minsan. Sa totoo lang. Passing by.

Ayaw pang mag... He is now under investigation by the House. Matagal na 'yang investigation sa House pati recommendation lang 'yan. So I will cut short the agony of Congress.

I'm firing him today. Noel Patrick Sales Prudente. I think he is an assistant commissioner? Ah Deputy Commissioner. So I'll make it easy for Congress. I'm firing him effective today.

Ito 'yung mga sikreto. Hindi naman natutulog sabi ko. Nalalaman ng military 'yan pati pulis. Akala mo lang na hindi alam pero you know.

We are all being monitored because itong Customs kasi I said it's always been considered the purgatory of government service. Hindi ko na babasahin 'to.

Kung may problema kayo, paalamin ninyo ako. If it's work-related, promotion then I will intervene if there is something to correct.

But just like the military and the police I would like to tell everybody except maybe dito sa mataas. Sometimes there's a conflict of principles. But dito sa inyong baba lahat, I really do not care if you --- what's the color of your character. Merit system tayong lahat sa gobyerno.

If you deserve to be promoted... And I'm sure si Sid naman is --- has been with the military for so long a time. He knows how to assess and evaluate the situation. 'Yan lang ako.

Ako and I'm warning everybody dito. Baka akalain ninyo na nagda-drama ako dito. Talagang upakan ko kayo.

Ang mga durugista p***** i** papatayin ko talaga kayo. Ayaw ninyong maghintó, papatayin ko kayo. Diretsahan tayo. Huwag... Not during my watch. Huwag mong gawain sa panahon ko.

Kasi pinapahiya mo ako. You know imagine I used to be a prosecutor, prosecuting cases in court for graft and corruption tapos kami tatamaan sa kalokohan.

Huwag sa panahon ko. Maghintay kayo ng... But not during my time. I will continue to pursue cases. I'll just wait for the report of the Intelligence. Kumpleto, nandito man sila lahat.

And pagsabi nila na totoo 'yan. And if you are a presidential appointee, you are fired. I'm sorry. But that is the way how it should be. Eh tiis-tiis lang tayong lahat, I said.

Pero hindi ko kayo pababayaan. Maski na marami kayo. Hindi naman tayo magsabay-sabay eh. I have the money to help you.

I... Ang... For the military guys, they have 50 million for V. Luna and AFP. For the management, 'yung nag-retire, hindi na nila maubos 'yan. A month? Ang PGH used to complain because 'yung mga interns, sabi nila sila na mismo ang nagtutulong, nagko-contribute-contribute na lang sila.

Tinawagan ko ang PGH sabi ko, "What's your problem?" Everybody's problem is always money. And sinabi ko, "O, how's the situation?" Sabi niya, "Sir, meron tayo... We have the experts. We have the country's best of minds here working."

Sabi ko, "Ilan 'yung budget ninyo?" Sabi, I think 14 per year. Sabi ko, "I'll give you 100 million." Sabi nila, "Sir, makatulong na 'yan, sir. A month?" Sabi ko, "No." I told... Tinawagan ko si Andrea. "Give PGH 100 million a month para sa kapwa tao."

And so all of your endeavors, your toil and maybe your tears for your disappointments --- ang ayaw ko lang mangyari na maapektuhan 'yung character... Mabahiran kayo and it would affect maybe later on in assessing you. But I want you to improve along the way.

Ngayon kung sabi ko nga may problema ka. Gusto mo nang magpakasal. Tapos ang gusto mong party simple lang sa bahay ninyo sa Bulacan. Taga doon man 'yung asawa ko.

O, simple lang na kasal. Mga limang tao lang. Eh tapos 'yung gusto ng nanay --- 'yung mother-in-law gusto niya sa Shangri-La, oh di sabihin mo sa akin. Magpareserve tayo ng table doon mga dalawa lang. [laughter] Dahil kung mag-ano pa tayo ng function room that's a...

But I can always accommodate you really. Lahat kayo ng gobyerno mahal ko kayo because you keep running the system well.

And this year the report from the BIR, according to Sonny, at dito sa --- you are doing great.

Kung maaari lang, kung maaari lang, if it's really possible kayo ang pagbigyan ko una. Mag-import kayo tax-free para gamitin ninyo Mercedes Benz, Maserati, para ma-kidnap kayong... [laughter]. Sabihin nung taga-Cavite, "kidnapin mo 'yung..." [laughter]

Really. Ayun lang ang message ko sa inyo. Hindi na ako mag-lecture about honesty and integrity.

You can always doubt me, that's your problem; you won't believe me, that's your problem; 'yung mga importers diyan, 'yung mga motor, kaibigan ko pa 'yan kasi nagmomotor ako. 'Yung bumagsak 'yung ngipin doon sa Harley, para akong tinamaan rin sa likod aguy... [laughter] Nanghinayang ako eh. [laughter].

But my Harley, I bought it when I was mayor, that would be something like 1987. It's an old... Mahilig rin ako sa motor but you know, friends would just say that they can buy it.

Sabi ko, "kung pagbigyan kita, pagbigyan ko lahat." Irrespective whether you are a friend or an enemy, it's almost the same, you have to cheat government. So if we have to do it, do it equally. Eh kaso hindi ako preparado ng ganun. Ayaw ko ngang mag-entertain ng...

You know, I just fired an assistant secretary. Diba sinabi ko sa inyo, if it is request coming from my son, daughter, relatives, consider it denied. Prangkahan mo. "Sorry, sabi ng... ni Mayor not to even to entertain."

This... Itong Mindanao Railway is still in the blueprint, they don't even know where to get the money. But I said, "do not talk about government transactions whether in the offing or in actual implementation already," sinabi ko, "huwag."

So when you say, "I even talked to the first member of the first family." That's b*** s***. That's the height of... the height of...

You know there's no such thing in the Philippines as a "first family." That first family does not enjoy any advantage at all. I live alone. Ang mga apo ko gustong mag-aral diyan sa eskwelahan malapit diyan. I said, "no." Kasi bahay ng gobyerno 'yan, ang pagkain diyan gastos ng gobyerno. Hindi ko talaga... Once in a while but you have been there.

It's always isang kanin, one cup na maliit, isang ulam pati isang sabaw. Alam ninyo 'yan, kayo napunta ng Malacañan. I've done away with itong mga steak steak.

And even the ambassadors when they partake to break bread with us, sabihin ko talaga, "that's the simple..." Hindi ako nagpapa-corny. Pwede ako magpaluto nang maganda but the problem is hindi rin ako sanay ng magagandang... 'yung luto ng... huwag ka na lang maingay, 'yung mga hotel, 'yang buffet.

Ako harapan mo ako ng maraming ulam, ayaw ko nang kumain. Bigyan mo lang ako isang ulam, isang sabaw. Kasi gusto ko eh bahug eh sa kanin. Ganun kaming... nakuha ko 'yan sa father side.

Hindi ako nagpa-ano. Talagang simple lang. Cabinet meeting, sandwich lang. Walang steak steak diyan. Kung ano 'yung ilagay nila diyan sa ano, 'yun ang kainin namin, and to think that we start Cabinet meetings well, as late as two o'clock. Isang ikot pa 'yan, two o'clock in the morning. Kaya si Secretary Dominguez medyo pumayat. [laughter]

Eh may-ari ito ng hotel eh. He owns Marco Polo in Davao so eh siyempre kita mo... and he lives there eh talagang... totoo.

So he misses really the... Pero diyan sa amin, sandwich ka lang. That's how it works.

I'm not saying you live by example. I really do not care if you eat a sumptuous dinner every night. That's not my problem. The thing is I really go for simple... kasi ang dila, ayan Bisaya eh. I... Maalat talaga.

Kinukutsara ko 'yang bagoong. Hindi ko 'yan ihalo sa kare-kare ganun? 'Yung baog o isang... kinakain ko 'yan kasi magusto namin parat. [Maalat? Is that the word? Maalat na?] Hindi marunong mag-Bisaya itong mga taga-Customs eh. [laughter] Hindi masyado bright. [laughter]

Eh ang aide ko, Igorot 'yan, from Baguio. Marami --- Ewan ko ilan na 'yan silang Ilocano diyan sa Cabinet. Halos lahat. Lorenzana, National Security Adviser, puro 'yan Ilocano kasi karamihan diyan... Ito pang isa. Why? Bakit sila? Bakit, ba't? Gloria Arroyo. Hindi naman tinanong kung bakit.

'Yung mga generals ni... si 'yung Executive Secretary niya si... Sino 'yun? Why?

Kasi 'pag kumuha ako sa from the ranks, it's not your fault pero nung presentation sa Marawi, ganito kalaki 'yung blackboard. P***** i**. 'Yan committee tapos the matrix hanggang doon sa baba. Nakinig ako. Sabi ko, "ang pera hindi aabot diyan sa baba. Walang building 'yan. Hanggang dito lang 'yan p***** i***** 'yan." [laughter]

Tapos sabi ko, "tawagan mo si General Del Rosario, si Ed." Task Force Davao. Sabi ko, "nakita mo 'yan? Gawain mo." Makita mo ang Marawi.

I am not trying to sow intrigue here but the record stands for itself.

The Marawi built settlement by Del Rosario are according to specs, standards.

Now, 'yung mga nakaraan, itong mga PhilHealth, huwag mo kaming... hindi amin 'yan. 'Yung mga bahay diyan sa Yolanda, 'yan talagang --- well I hurried it. I warned everybody that if you cannot deliver it by December, I'll fire all of you. Kasi wala...

Ito namang [Cenro?] ayaw naman magbigay ng clearance eh karami. Military, well... Gusto mo si... Kasi sa military 'pag sinabi mong, "Gawain mo 'yan at tapusin mo 'yan ngayong gabi, tatapusin." Kung hindi tatapusin, ikaw ang tapusin niyang...

'Yan ang ano ko. 'Pag sinabi ko kasi --- Alam mo, pagka 'yung sa bureaucracy tapos special --- I'm talking of special projects, I'm not talking of your ordinary... 'yung mga ganitong bagyo. It takes forever.

When I say, "do it in 30 days," I want to see a house within 30 days. Ayun labas na kaagad. Pagkasabi ko lahat, ayun na, pati finances then we will talk later. Sa awa ng Diyos.

Hindi lahat tao na... especially itong... they are men of honor. 'Yung mga few diyan lalo na 'yung mga general na sa droga, ay naku, magpatayan tayo nito. Sigurado 'yan. Eh that's treason.

Imagine, papasok ka ng ganun, you destroy your country. That's why I said, "if you destroy my country, I would really kill you." I don't give a s*** if you are somebody there. If you destroy the young of my country, the only resource that we have kasi mahirap lang tayo.

Tanungin ko kayo. 'Yung retirement mo. Mag-retire ka ng 60 and by that time everything is in. Nandiyan na diabetes, hypertension, cancer, and all, who would pay for your hospitalization? Who will buy your medicines? Sinong susubo sa lugaw ng bunganga ko? Anak ko. Tapos sisirain mo 'yung anak namin? P***** i** ka, l**** ka. Huwag mong gawin 'yan, especially those na magpunta sa abroad.

They suffer humiliation, degradation, sexual abuse tapos they keep on sending money here thinking that their children are in school because you have sent remittances.

Eh 'yun namang mga p***** i** didikitan, they will rub you until the... So 'pag uwi dito, with all the sufferings and everything, buktot na 'yan. Ano bang buktot sa Tagalog? [laughter] Nakukuba. Mas maganda ang Bisaya. Buktot. Buktot na 'yan sa trabaho p***** i** tapos pag-uwi dito ganun lang ang makita nila.

So ang inaasahan nila, sinong walang natapos? 'Yung ikaw 'yung... You think you can live, you retire at 60? Eh kung bigyan ka pa ng 15 years, you think that's enough? Kwentahin mo, sige nga. The cost of money.

Kaya kami dito na-buang na lang, kung saan-saan kami but the fact is that we are improving on our income. There seems to be a new kind of paradigm sa Customs. I want you to maintain it because it benefits the country, all of us.

At sabihin mo 'yang manakaw-nakaw, not now. Wala dito sa akin. At least dito sa panahon ko. I won't allow it. At kung meron man, I said the first whiff, you go out.

Eh itong si Calida, matagal na man 'yang security guard niya. Noon pa 'yan. Why should I fire him? He is good, he is also from Davao but Ilocano 'yan. Karamihan mga Ilocano. He is good. Bakit? Wala na ba tayong katuwiran mag-negosyo? Ang ano nila is na as long as we do not participate.

The fact that you have divested in the sense that you have retired, huwag mong pilitin na just because he is retired, "hindi, mag-ano pa 'yan siya." So why do you have to impute or attribute malice there?

Eh itong mga... baka may mga negosyo 'yang mga generals na 'yan. So if it's legal, why? Kagaya noong Congress. Sabihin ko lang sa inyo. Pagbaba ko minsan sa Congress... Congressman ako. Nandiyan 'yung mga pulis ng Davao. Lahat sila pinatawag ni Golez. Committee on Public Order. Eh miyembro ako doon tapos pagbaba ko, sabi ko, "O, bakit?"

“Sir, may subpoena kami.”

“For?”

“Sir sa Committee man ito, sir, pinatawag kami.”

“About what?”

“Sir, ‘yung nag [unclear] kami sir tapos nagbutas kami sa Diwalwal.”

Sabi ko, “Pati ‘yan? Sige.”

Pag-umpisa sabi ko, “Mr. Chairman, may I just ask one question and it is directed to all. What is wrong with a military man going into a legit business or at least a quasi? Because it’s allowed and everybody’s there. Only humanity flopped there. Sabi ko bakit? Komo military pati pulis they cannot partake of the wealth of the nation? So I am objecting to this hearing.”

Sabi ko, “sir hindi ako papayag. Why do you have to ask ‘yung...” Well, kung sabihin nila ninakaw nila ‘yung kapital, that is another thing. But when you just say you question a military and a police for opening a hole there in Diwalwal and also take advantage of you know, the windfall, ‘ika nga. Gold.

Kaya sinabi ko, maski sino sa inyo. Pagka nademanda kayo ng ganun, sulatan ninyo ako or contact anybody there. ‘Yung mga harassment charges.

Sabi ko nga na, “if you do your duty in accordance with law” and this is also true for the military and the police and all, “in the performance of duty, kayo, you will have my protection. Kayong lahat dito sa gobyerno.”

If you are being harassed, tell me. Sabihin mo ang istorya mo, give me a narrative of your... what ails you today.

At ‘yung --- ganun ‘yung iba eh, especially sa police, military. ‘Pag nahuli ‘yan, the only defense available sa kanila is to file a countercharge. That is the problem with the human rights, idiotic dimension.

Maski na in accordance with duty, may namatay, i-demanda mo ‘yun. Kaya I... That compelled me to come out a policy, a policy statement of my government. I will never allow anybody, maski kayo dito sa Customs. If you are harassed na tapos hindi mo...

Kasi ‘yun ang leverage nila eh. So because ang pulis kasi, once they are facing charges, on that day wala na ‘yang pagkain, suspended na eh. So the family has to cease eating. Children can no longer go to school. Eh mga ganun. Hindi ako papayag ng --- kasi goyberno, laking gobyerno ako eh.

And if I may add, para yabang na lang. I know the ins and outs because at a very early age nakita ko na because my father was governor of one Davao noon. Marami na 'yang probinsya --- Del Norte, Del Sur, Oriental, ComVal valley. So at an early age, nakuha ko na 'yang harassment o 'pag mag-iyak.

At nakita ko na rin ang tatay ko, siya naman --- he was a very patient man. But at that time kasi 'yung conjugal visits was not... So 'yung babae para makausap lang niya 'yung husband niya sa loob, dadaan muna siya sa assistant warden. 'Yun. Nabuntis.

Sabi ng babae na, "sir, governor, paano ito ngayon nabuntis na?" Sabi ng tatay ko, "sinong..." Eh pinatawag na, sa harap namin o, sinuntok niya diyan sa hagdanan.

Ganun man rin ako. Sa totoo lang. Hindi lang ninyo alam. Pero 'pag --- 'yung isa dito, pinatawag ko talaga. P***** i**. "Dalin mo dito 'yang animal na 'yan." 'Di ba sinabi niya 'yung estapador sa [revolutionary?] government. [unclear]. At kung gusto mong position, magbayad ka. Tapos sinabi niya, "as a matter of fact magkapatid kami ni mayor sa nanay." P***** i** 'to, pati nanay ko ginawang adulteress. Y***.

Sabi ko, "tawagin mo." Hindi ko na lang sabihin kung anong ginawa ko. First time nakakita siguro ng Malacañan na nagsipa, sampal.

At 'yang mga 'yan pinapakain ko talaga ng pera. Believe me. Nung mayor ako, nakita ba ninyo sa TV, one morning, magandang umaga? Was sell --- this guy was selling mga fake Torrens title. 'Di ba nakuha ng ABS-CBN kasi ginanun 'yung camera pababa, hindi naman ginanun eh.

Pinakain ko talaga 'yung titulo. 'Yung titulo, 'yung photostatted copy makapal ang... Sabi ko, "kainin mo 'yan, p***** i** mo, l*****. Gusto mo ng pera? Sige kolekta ka." Sabi ko... Wala man akong pera. Pengeng pera, be.

Malas niya kay 'yung isa, coin pa ang nalaglag. Ayan, "lunukin mo 'yang p***** i** ka, kung hindi itapon kita sa Pasig River ngayon. Papatayin kita. Wala ka namang silbi. Hindi maghabol 'yang pamilya mo. Torpe ka."

So 'yung mga extortionists talaga, bantay ka kay 'pag maabutan kita, ipakain ko talaga 'yan. Kaya kung maghawak ka ng pera, 'yun lang mga sinsilyo kay --- maghawak ka ng ganun [buldo?], naku po. Isang araw tayo magharapan. O, tubig. Kasi hindi man niya makain. Kasi 'yung parang plastic 'yang electronic copy ng...

Sabi niya, "Sir, magbalik man Mayor, ayaw mag-tulon." "P***** i** ka tubig oh." T*** i***** pulis na 'to. 'Di doon kami sa police station, station commander.

Eh may kulay 'yung ano at nilagay naman niya doon sa shelf hindi naman sa sahig. Pag ganun nakita ko 'yung [parang?] tubig. Akala ko... "Sige, ito. Inumin mo 'yan. Sige, kainin mo. P***, isa, dalawa! P*****..."

Pag-inom niya sabi, “Ihi man ito, Mayor.” [laughter] Tinawag ko ‘yung station commander, “Halika. T*** i** bakit ka umihi dito?” “Sir, malayo na masyado...” Hindi naman pang-inom tubig ‘yan.

Bwisit ‘tong buhay na ‘to. Ako nag... Eh vignettes of life. Nagkukwento lang para may pag-usapan tayo para [laughter] alas singko uwi na tayo. I’m going back to the office.

But... So that is all for today, you have one guy out of the service. I’m --- I hate to do it but I said, let us just, maski... Tulungan lang ninyo ako. Give me --- give the nation a respite, just hanggang makatapos lang ako. Bahala na kayo sa sunod generation kung ano gawin ninyo. ‘Yan lang ang hinihingi ko.

Tatal sabi ko, warning... No transaction at all reaches my table. Lahat ng transaction sa Cabinet member ‘yan. Any major policies, ke kay Sid, kay General Año, hanggang diyan sa kanila ‘yan. Do or die ka diyan. Well, that’s your cradle to grave, problema mo.

Ang nasa akin ‘yung mga promotions, mostly mga generals, pati sa military pati pulis and ‘yung policy, foreign policy natin.

Pero sabihin mo ‘yang MRT, LRT mag --- Wala gyud, wala. Wala kayong maturo sa akin. I prohibit it. Nothing reaches my table, ‘yung mga ganun. ‘Yung mga bridge, highway, ganun. Huwag ninyo akong isali diyan, inyo ‘yan. That’s why I got you in.

Pero ang sabi naman ni Sonny ngayon, we’re making good, at least with Dulay and Lapeña that sabi niya he cannot... [What’s your word Sonny?] Ah, oh. Gusto niya abutin... Sumobra na tayo ngayon, so may pera tayo.

And if Congress say, gusto nila. Sige, increase the salaries of the --- wala akong problema. Sabi ko hindi ko naman pera ‘yan, why should I object-object? If you want an increase and Congress -- sabi ko, it’s Congress.

And also may I announce before I --- umalis ako. That I’m declaring land reform sa --- the entire island of Boracay. Mag-usap na lang kami sa Congress. The entire island will be declared as a land reform area. Para sagad-sagad. Sagarin na natin. Give it to the people.

But I don’t mind Congress --- Well maybe they’re lawmakers, I would just suggest that if you really want to maintain the commercial quality of that place, maybe you can cut a strip.

And inland, baka bigyan mo siguro ng easement na about 30 meters, but that’s it. Tatal ang interesado diyan ‘yung beach lang man. Wala mang ano ‘yan. ‘Yung sa likod, well it’s commercial, I do not know how you will do it, but I’m telling you, Boracay is still classified as forestal and agriculture.

So if you are building a house there somewhere, I’m sorry. I will just have to make some adjustments. Wala akong commitment diyan sa mga...

You go to Congress if you want a commercial. Ayaw ko ng commercial, kasi pag-declare mo ng commercial agawan 'yan. And then again, you are dragged into a --- even a whisper and start a ruckus there. Kaya ako, ayaw ko makialam.

But Congress, may I suggest to them most respectfully, you can cut, but the rest of the island, I will be declaring it as a land reform. So walang mga subdivision... Bigay ko muna sa mga natives. And after that we can talk. But in the meantime, that is the policy that I'm trying to enunciate.

Maraming salamat po.

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