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DURING THE CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING AND TALK TO TROOPS

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Kindly sit down. Thank you for your courtesy.

Presidential Adviser for Military Affairs Arthur Tabaquero; AFP Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Benjamin Madrigal; Lieutenant General Macairog Alberto; Brigadier General Jose Faustino; the officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees of the 10th Infantry Division; ladies and gentlemen.

It is an honor and a privilege for me to join the brave men and the women of the Philippine Army's 10th Infantry Division, which has always been close to my heart because my home city of Davao has always been under your care and protection.

As we celebrate the Holidays, I would like to extend my greetings to our troops' respective families and loved ones who have also shared the risks and sacrifices of our soldiers as they faced today's security challenges.

Let me recognize the division's gallant efforts in combatting communist insurgency that has hounded this part of Mindanao for decades. The surrender of almost 8,000 communist rebels and the recovery of some 700 firearms just this year alone speak well of the division's commitment to end the rebellion for good.

I am therefore taking this opportunity to call on communist terrorists to abandon their [extremist] activities and return to the fold of the law. [Discard] the outmoded ideology that has led you astray and reintegrate into society so that you can lead more dignified lives.

I also call on our troops, especially the men and women of the 10th Infantry Division, to remain committed to your sworn duty to protect our people and defend our democratic rights. I have never doubted your capability to keep

our nation safe from all threats, and I assure you of my full support as we continue to ensure the security of Mindanao until the lifting of Martial Law.

In return, I assure you that this administration will continue to pursue our AFP Modernization Program so you may perform your duties more effectively. We will improve your skills, invest in your professional development, and look [after] the welfare of your families.

As we celebrate Christmas and welcome the New Year, I am confident that the Armed Forces of the Philippines will continue to ensure that peace will reign across our nation for the years to come.

Before I end my speech with the salutation, may I just say a few words. Hugot man ning five star, four star siguro lu-ag ra.

Itong Pilipinas natin, itong mahal na bayan natin. We yearn for a progressive, productive at a good country that can provide the next generation a better life, better opportunities, and more or less a very comfortable life.

Ang problema dito, sa totoo lang talaga, unless --- tandaan niyo itong salita ko. I will be long gone but the problem will still linger unless we can have law and order and we can stop corruption in government. Baka. Pero 'pag wala 'yan, wala talaga.

Law and order means you have to destroy, not really fight, but destroy the Communist Party of the Philippines, including its legal fronts and infrastructure.

There will be a time when their legal fronts will be pretty really obvious to us that it is a conspiracy to just fight and overthrow this government. That is the avowed claim of all. Iyong nasa daan, front area, at itong mga kriminal nasa bukid.

Unless we are able to destroy every one of them, ang ating mga anak o apo ninyo ganun pa rin ang haharapin. And many of them will be soldiers and many of them will die without seeing the outcome of what would eventually be the Republic of the Philippines.

Unless we can get rid of shabu, it has caused a total dysfunction of our society. One pusher can destroy several families. Kaya kung gusto mo sisirain ang isang tao, all you have to do is to create a monster in that family. Maglagay ka lang ng shabu ng isang bata diyan, sira na 'yang pamilya na 'yan.

It becomes dysfunctional. Magnakaw, maglaban ng kapatid, makipag-away kanino, eventually killing innocent people under the influence of the evil drugs. At walang pipiliin 'yan --- bata, babae, lahat. And this has happened.

And for those idiotic human rights, ang mensahe ko sa kanila: Mga p***** i** ninyo, wala akong pakialam sa inyo.

You know, you can --- it's a piece of carcass but this guy who has been distributing shabu by the hundreds, destroys every family around.

You know, Bato gave us a figure of 1.6. During the time of General Santiago, he pegged it at about three million. Whichever it is, ano mang numero na 'yan, kung nandoon ka kay Bato for the lesser number, then you have 1.6 million slaves in this country. Slaves called to a drug whose brains are blasted, they no longer work. If he's the head of the family, wala ng pagkain, eskwela ng mga bata. And all the untold misery that a family can suffer because of drugs and they are aplenty.

For every one addict, he distributes 50 or 60. Then exponential ang increase niyan. And shabu is a commodity for the poor. Ang mga mayaman, cocaine 'yan sila. Sa mga barko, mga yate nila. Ang tinatamaan 'yung mga pobre. It's 200. That's about 600 per week, times 12 months, times 1.6 million. You'll have a number of something like two billion plus industry. Money that would go to food, education of the children, para sa mga anak nila, pag-aaral, pamasahé.

Sisirain talaga tayo ng mga p***** i** 'yan. And before you know it, we are just like Medellin or... All that we know is that you kill and that's the norm of the day, normal sa kanila eh. Magpatayan, mag-rape at walang gobyerno doon, mga judges niyayari, pinapatay 'yung mga piskal.

And that in this country, marami rin tayong p***** i*** problema. Meron rin tayong mga heneral na pulis, may mga pulis tayo na opisyal, may mga PDEA tayo na opisyal nandiyan sa droga. Why? It is a very corrosive basta pera. Mahirap kontrahin ang pera.

Pagka libo-libo na nabago diyan, matutumba ka. Only those who are really 'yung sikmura talagang... But even the police, they are in shambles. Kaya ang namamatay ngayon, mga PDEA director, PDEA assistant director. Sila 'yung talagang nauuna eh.

'Di ba usapan naman natin 'yan. Ke ma-general ka, ke ma-major ka, major problem, major... Wala, 'pag nag-abot tayo, talagang yayariin ko kayo. Eh walang choice eh. It has to be... Our oath of office says, I can state it in two sentences, haba eh. That you have to preserve the Republic of the Philippines and then you have to protect the people of the Republic of the Philippines. Iyan.

So ang akin lang na problema is the rebellion in the south. Ang isa doon is territorial driven. The lost cause of the Muslims. We admit that they were ahead of us here and we admit that some of them might have the priority in the use of the land. That's why they have the ancestral homes and we are ready to concede as long as it does not result --- concede a certain portion of the territory, of the Republic. Huwag lang ma-dismember ang ating bayan.

Pagka ganun, wala talaga tayong ibang pupuntahan, giyera. But as long as they remain reasonable and Misuari has said that he's going to talk to us. Nirendahan niya 'yung kabayo niya, good. And give us time to talk to the MI.

Pero I hope na pagkatapos nito, since we are dealing in good faith, dapat ni-reciprocate. Sino bang gustong buwagin itong bayan natin? And I said, I would never, never, never allow the [dismemberment?] of this country. Hindi, not --- huwag sa panahon ko. Maghanap ka ng ibang presidente. Ako, hindi talaga ako papayag.

Ang Abu Sayyaf na 'yan. Kaya binigyan ko kayo ng lahat, nandiyan na ha. We are the symbolic... Alam ko kukunin 'yan ng NPA. Iyong mga buang diyan sa labas ngayon, naglalaway 'yan mga y*** na 'yan. Kalaban mo diyan sparrow.

Kindly listen. Do not belittle the police team that's going around. I'm just telling you small tips. If you already know, then you just listen, it might be an added learning. Kasi kalaban mo diyan, sparrow. Kukunin talaga sa inyo 'yan.

So meron naman kayong mga --- halos lahat may camera eh. Before you go out, better go around the camp and kunin mo 'yung mga picture diyan sa labas. And if you see two or three standing there for four hours, walang ginawa, marami ng sigarilyo. Baka paglabas mo...

Naka-trigger ka talaga. Ngayon panahon ito, naka-trigger ka. Huwag 'yung ano --- basta naka-trigger ka. Hindi na bale 'yung sabihan ka hambogero ka. Eh tatal hambogero naman talaga kayo. Tuluyan na lang ninyo.

Naka-trigger. Huwag kayong mag-kompyansa na... At 'pag konting magkamali, 'pag bumunot 'yan at kung buti mabunot niya b**** niya, malas niya.

Any overt act. This is my guidance to you. You need not see a gun pero sa harap mo kung bumunot, in the traditional sense na may gustong bunutin, bumunot ka na. At 'pag nagkamali tayo, magtakbo ka uli diyan sa kampo sa loob, huwag ka ng lumabas.

"Iyong sundalo na nakabaril?" Sino?" "Iyong tumakbo dito?" "Wala man. Wala mang sundalong tumakbo dito."

Tago-tago lang muna. Pero the overt act even in America napaka --- napagkasunduan doon sa chief of police, huwag kayong maniwala na human rights. Walang --- inutil 'yang mga p***** j**. Wala mang utak 'yan.

The slightest movement that would tend na medyo 'yung tingkoy mo. Ano bang tingkoy sa Tagalog? Kani ganing titindig? Natatakot ka? That is a warning. Pagka ano --- tutal 'pag bunot mo kung walang baril tatakbo 'yun, o 'di wala, eh 'di ipasok mo sa loob. Kung nakasuya --- kung suya ka 'di praktisan mo na lang. *[laughter]*

Hindi madali aregluhin ang patay, basta ikaw ang hindi namatay. Problema kung ikaw ang namatay, naloko na. Iyan ang utos ko. Iyan ang isabi mo sa imbestigador. Iyan, paninindigan ko 'yan. Kung ayaw ng imbestigador maniwala, isali mo ang buang.

Eh self-preservation 'yan. We live in abnormal time. Huwag na tayong maglokohan. Kaya galit ako diyan sa mga sparrow. Huwag kayong magkompyansa talaga. Iyong [sense?] ninyo. Kaya ako hindi ako paborito maglakad kayo maski may mga baril kayo.

Kung magpahatid kayo, huwag diyan sa mga terminal-terminal. You ride in some other places. Kagaya nung itong mga PC na... May memorandum ang PC noon na hindi ka makapagdala ng baril kung hindi ka naka-uniporme. Eh 'di 'yung mga pulis ko doon sa Marahan, Calinan, nag-uniporme, full pack. Naka-uniporme. Pagsakay sa truck, kinuha 'yung baril, binaril sa ulo at 'yung baril niya ginamit pa, binaril ulit.

Sabi ko, "Sino naman nagturo sa kanila na mag-uniporme ka na nakalaylay ang baril mo?" Sabi niya, sa Maynila. I will not mention the name of the general. Pero nagmura ako. Sabi ko, "P***** j** ka naman general. Saan mo nilagay 'yung utok mo?"

So he came here and said what --- mayor pa ako noon. What kind of a stupid... Ibahog nimo imong sundalo diha. As much as possible. Kasi ang amoy niyan halos parehas sa atin. There is a parity. Tabla sa pang amoy-amoy. So that's a problem where the...

The second question really of [guns?] is --- na-assign kayo dito sa south, much nearer. And maybe in a mobilization, in all probability, but kayo ang ipadala diyan sa southern area. At ilang beses ko na nakikita 'yung mga sundalo na-capture ng Abu Sayyaf at decapitated in front of a video camera.

Kaya binigyan ko kayo ng armas. That is your --- wala man kayong fixed bayonet. Hindi naman uso 'yan. So if you ran out of bullets, ubusin mo 'yang naka-deploy sa magazine. 'Pag marami pang kalaban, bunot ka ng isang magazine.

Ubusin mo as many as you can. Iyong third magazine mo hatiin mo, huwag mong ipaputok lahat. At ma-corner ka na wala ka ng bala, kainin mo na ang baril mo. Do not give me that spectacle of coming home with a video na pinutol 'yung ulo mo.

Lahat tayo, we make a pact. Hindi tayo su-surrender ng ganun. If we choose to be a warrior, we die like a warrior. Hindi 'yung bababuyin ka, i-capture ka, mamasahiin mo sila araw-araw, para kang boy doon, utusan ka, magpatila kung anong patilaan ng mga p***** i**.

Do not. Total papatayin ka lang naman, hiyain ka pa.

Iyong pinakamagandang bala. Meron 'yung malakas, na pagputok, mawala talaga 'yung ulo mo. Mas mabuti at walang sakit. Ako manuod, hindi ako masaktan. Sabi ko, "Tunay ito na sundalo."

Pero kung manuod sa TV na ginugulbol 'yung ulo mo, magkain na rin ako ng bala sa konsume, kainin ko na lang 'yung bala. Kay ako mag-black hawk down ako diyan for whatever, sabay-sabay 'yung M-16 ko pati 'yung nine millimeter ko, isabay ko 'yan sa bunganga.

Iyan lang ang ano diyan. Let them realize that hindi tayo duwag, lalaki tayo. Lalaki tayo. Pagkatapos ng operation, kailangan natin ng babae. *[laughter]* Gara pud ning mga sundalo o. Bigaon.

But anyway I'm here to visit you. I cannot make it on Christmas day. In my time, I've given you everything. Lahat. Lahat ng hiningi

ninyo. *[applause]* Doubled your salary. And huwag kayong matakot. Ang buhay ganyan --- ganun lang 'yan. Destiny-destiny lang 'yan.

Your V. Luna has 50 million. Your AFP has 50 million a month. Hindi na ninyo maubos 'yan. Ang mga ano ninyo titanium. Plus nakakalakad na, nakakatakbo pa. Makatakbo kayo. 'Di ba sinabi ko sa inyo, habang ako ang Presidente, hindi ako mag-iwan ng inutil na sundalo. I will rebuild you. *[applause]*

Si --- sino 'yung nabulag? I had a dinner with the wounded soldiers the other night. *[Lieutenant...]* Ngayon happy na siya. And he was crying when I first saw him, he embraced me and said "Wala na..." "Bata, ang buhay hindi naman mata lang eh. If you have skills..."

Eh ngayon, nasa Aguinaldo na siya, sa computer. Normal. Tapos 'yung asawa niya, pina-transfer ko doon sa opisina niya. Sabi ko, "Doon kayo para malapit lang."

And all soldiers 'pag namatay, automatic ang inyong pamilya may bahay basta wala kayong bahay. Mamatay ka, patayuan kita ng bahay para sa pamilya mo. *[applause]* At ang eskwela, there will be scholarship. You just wait, we're negotiating with Dominguez.

You will have the property of almost a three fourths of Aguinaldo. I'll give it to the Armed Forces. Not for sale but patayuan ninyo ng... And you will have a much larger income before I leave.

Iyan ang iiwan ko sa inyo na may pera talaga kayo kung sakali may ipit-ipit sa buhay. And you can also send your schools. Do you want to be doctors? Do you want to be --- na makaya mo because you have your own GSIS.

Iyan ang gusto ni Dominguez talaga eh. He's insisting on a GSIS. Wala tayong magawa, Secretary of Finance. And besides, you must remember that ang father-in-law ni Dominguez is a military man. Iyong Andrews Airbase ng Zamboanga was named after his father-in-law.

So he thinks well of you. We're looking for a way na may maiwan kami na pera para sa inyo na pagkatapos ng serbisyo, hindi kayo mahirapan magpaaral ng anak kung gusto ng doctor... *[applause]* Iyan lang ang gusto ko. Iyang tabla sana ba. Parity.

Pero kung ano 'yung maliit sa sundalo, kaya ng heneral. Kung anong kaya ng heneral, even lang sa education, hindi sa pagkain, sa mga bakasyon-bakasyon. Life is never fair. Ganun talaga ang buhay. It's never fair.

But at least we can approximate equality by just looking at the... I hope I --- we would complete the project before I end my term. At huwag kayong maniwala diyan sa --- iyong mga diktador-diktador. I tell you, I will not stay a minute longer.

'Pag sinabi na tapos na, tapos na ako. 'Pag hawakan ninyo ako, hindi niyo ako paalisin, mag-iyak pa ako, tatakbo, sumbong ko kayo sa nanay ko. I'm here to serve on an agreed period. It will be so. It's a gentleman's honor.

Huwag kayong maniwala diyan sa mga... Hindi raw ako nagtatrabaho. Mga g***. Wala na nga akong panahon. Karaming 'yung [*garbled*] na politika. Lalo na 'yung mga left kung magsulat.

Ako, destroy the left. 'Pag di niyo bigyan ng konting pagkakataon. We will go back to a sort of a [hamletting?] That idea was intended for them na habang sana may usap, diyan sila sa [hamletting?], we will feed them, I will pay for the billeting of their leaders habang nag-uusap.

Hindi naman pwede tayo mag-usap habang... Sixty days would be good. Eh itong mga bakla na p***** i** kung ano-anong. Akala mo --- itong si Sison akala mo gwapo. Hindi na nahiya sa sarili niya.

Kaya gani sabi ko makita ko 'yan diyan sa airport, sampalin ko 'yang p***** i** niya. Palagputon ko nang pustiso ana, tan-awa. [*laughter*] Hambogero. Akala mo sino.

We have to destroy them. Destroy them. Wala namang... Huwag kayo maniwala ng human rights. I assume full responsibility. Nakikita ninyo ako lang ang dinedemanda ng mga g***. Well and good.

Look. The presidency, alam ninyo 'yan, is a gift from God. Kilala naman ninyo ako kung sino ako at anong... My gift to you? To you Filipino? My freedom.

'Pag ako ang sinabi may kasalanan, aminin ko lahat 'yan at ako'y makulong. Magpakulong ako. Okay lang. It would be an honor to go to prison for the Filipino. Ano man 'yung isang...

Pero huwag ninyong intindihin 'yan and destroy them because they are destroying us. The avowed claim is to overthrow the government. Ano pa ba

ang gusto nila? Abu Sayyaf must be destroyed. Eh hinatid ko na nga ang isang division doon the other day.

Then itong mga shabu, patayin ninyo 'yan. It has caused social dysfunction. Kawawa ang Pilipino niyan. Iyan ang dapat patayin na walang mercy. Iyan ang dapat patayin na itapon lang sa... Balang araw, 'pag ganyan, ganyan mangyari sa kanila.

Kagaya ng Indonesian, Suharto. Nung nag-purging sila, tinapon lahat diyan sila sa river. Pinabaho doon. For those who want to destroy the society, 'pag nandiyan na ang gobyerno, tama naman ang ginagawa, palitan mo na para kayong sino, mahirap 'yan.

So iyong gusto mag-Christmas, bahay ko, I celebrate alone. But if you want to go there, fine. Merong --- siguro naman itong mga PSG, may party pa kayo? Wala na? Tapos na?

Huwag tayong maghintó... Bukas... Magparty... Eh kung punta pala sila? Painitin mo lang 'yang mantika diyan o.

Well anyway, I cannot say it to everybody, Merry Christmas, especially to your family. We'll just pray that you're in good health and just be careful.

We do not subscribe to their ceasefire. We are ready for anything and I said change your paradigm. Do not fight them. Destroy them. Destroy them. Kill them. Basta destroy. Eh sinong nag-utos? Ako po. Si --- magyabang tayo minsan --- si five star lang.

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