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DURING THE OATH-TAKING CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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I will read the prepared statement kasi in fairness to the lady who worked on this, I'm sure...

I congratulate and welcome our new government officials who have earnestly answered the call of service to our country and people.

As you take your oath of office today, I hope that you will always remember that as public servants, our foremost duty is to serve our country with the highest standard of moral integrity.

The Constitution is very clear: public office is a public trust. I am optimistic that as you assume your respective offices, you will keep this tenet in mind as you lead by example and inspire our colleagues to bring government closer to the people.

Remember that you are here not just because of your credentials and qualifications, but because I believe in your capability to help me restore our people's trust in government.

I welcome you aboard with a challenge to go beyond selfish personal interests so that you may focus on the tasks waiting for you in your respective agencies.

Work with this administration in ensuring that our bureaucracy is free of graft and corruption, red tape and other illegal activities. Uphold the primacy of the Constitution, obey all laws, and observe due process in the performance of your duties.

Lastly, I take this opportunity to ask each of you to remain committed in our shared task of nation-building. With your active participation in good governance, I am confident that we can achieve a better life and a brighter future for all Filipinos.

Before I would read the last statement, kindly allow me to share my thoughts with you this evening.

You know, wala na akong ginawa simula ako umupo kung hindi magpaalis, magtanggap ng tao. Sad because some of them were with me way back in 1988 when I started my political career as mayor of Davao City. Far in between those years well about 10 elections all in all, I never lost one until hanggang nag-Presidente ako.

Alam mo karamihan talaga --- I'm not zeroing on on anybody here. I'm just making a sweeping general statement. Malaman mo kasi talaga eh. Iyong kaibigan mo 'yung gusto na inirekomenda, lahat nun goes to BIR pati Customs. Talagang inaagaw 'yan. And you know we grew up in a place may mga subdivisions and frankly nakikita namin ang mga bahay ng mga BIR pati Customs talagang magaganda pati kotse nila. And that was in 19...

My father was governor 12 years. Marami akong nakilala na nagtrabaho diyan. The choices cuts sa meat ng gobyerno. So makita mo. And that's why dito if you covet it, I don't give it to you. Iyong mga kaibigan ko 'yung gusto nila ganun, "No. Bigyan kita ng iba".

'Pag malaman ko na atat na atat ka. And mahalata ko kasi I have been 21 years mayor, I've been a congressman, I've been a vice mayor, I've been a prosecutor for nine years, I've been a trial lawyer for seven years. Alam ko 'yung --- because I --- wala pa 'yang Tanod --- Ombudsman noon eh. During Marcos' time it was called the TanodBayan. And I was one of --- I was one of the two special prosecutors sa TanodBayan.

Kaya in a sense, hindi naman ako pinakamarunong but I am --- ano sa akin and I can always well relate with everybody who is a crooked. Kaya ang bago lang itong BuCor. Before that, marami.

I'd like to repeat it over and over again. And there was a time I was trying to solve the Nayong Pilipino. I was pissed off because without a public bidding 'yung Board of Directors awarded a contract allowing a gambling company to erect a casino.

Ang sinabi ko sa kanila what has a gambling casino have with our Nayong Pilipino? But when I came back, I saw another report during a command

conference about medicines for soldiers wounded diyan, sakit, tapos naging ghost delivery. Iyan, a meeting like this. And I said that if you're the commanders of the major commands, Army, Navy, Air Force, pati si Albayalde, kindly stand up, 'pag magtindig kayo apat, bababa ako dito, diretso na ako. Kunin ko na 'yang damit ko diyan sa bahay ko across the Pasig and consider me resigned. I'm going home.

And in one of the Cabinet meetings I also blew my top because there were -- - 'yung red tape. Iyan ang naka... It's so exasperating to see people go back and forth, back and forth. At alam mo ang Maynila, if you have to do some follow ups in the different offices, one day lang 'yan isang permit. May permit sa NBI, BIR, Customs. Kaya dalawang pages it was being explained by the technical staff of the secretary.

And I said that you know guys, the things that you are mouthing there is not for me. It is not even for the next President. Alam mong magkuha ka lang ng clearance ng NBI, ng BIR, Register of Deeds, pabalik-balik. I'm so exasperated. Lumabas ako sabi ko, "P***** i** kayo, inyo na 'yang gobyerno na ito." Nagsawa na ako. Nasusuka na ako.

And yet you just cannot abandon the office so I coasted along hanggang ngayon. Pero ang corruption gaya ng BuCor, meron namang batas. Ang totoo talaga niyan 'yang heinous crime, pati one other --- wala sa enumeration. Recidivist, pati a guy who would go in and out repeatedly. Well, actually it's under the broad term recidivist. Kaya 'yang nasasabit diyan ngayon because there is a variance in the law.

Eh doon sa batas, it is even in the opening statement number 1 already meron nang malagay doon na recidivist. But there's no word of a heinous crime or plunder. Wala.

Alam mo sa totoo lang. I don't know the outcome. But I hope that the Supreme Court will decide to the best interest of the people. But for a lawyer --- 'yan abogado kayo --- you have to secure, you have to come up with a proof to secure a conviction. And that proof must be beyond reasonable doubt.

Alam ko 'yan kasi ang batting average ng conviction dito sa gobyerno is 70, 4 --- 70-30 in favor of the accused. All he has to do is to create --- whatever. Ayaw ko namang... 'Yang mga kaso na high profile, acquitted 'yan. Because if you can create a doubt, you do not have to --- have to crucify the

judge. He's just following --- assuming that the magistrate is talagang malinis rin.

Totoo 'yang corruption sa droga. 'Yang recycle sinasabi lagi. Hindi --- p***** j** patayin mo talaga lahat ng pulis na crooked. Ang sinabi ko mahirap --- remember what I said. I was only about two months in office and I said I did not realize that my greatest enemy or opponent is not really the opposition. Gawain mo lang ang tama, bahala na mag-yawyaw sila. But kung ang gobyerno mismo kalaban mo, ang Customs palusot dito, palusot doon. Ang BIR...

Wala talaga. Hindi mo --- sabi ko hindi ko mahabol. Remember that I was very simplistic simply because I had a simple campaign. Wala akong pera. And then wala akong broad dimension sa saan magkuha ng pera, how do you get to talk to this nation or do you go to the --- whatever, mag-utang.

So I just said I'll probably deal with corruption, drugs, because it's killing my country at sabi ko but I can get to just go alone and build more sa infrastructure. Mabuti't na lang...

And I also --- I'm happy that it happened. Marawi was a brewing. I felt I needed the guns. Sabi nila ng --- marami mang armas. You know, a bore --- alam mo bore? --- with so many thousands of rounds passing it almost everyday, wala ng accuracy 'yan because inside is a --- tawag nilang rifling. Pagpasok ng bala, sumusunod 'yan ng...

So when it gets out of the barrel, umiikot 'yang sarili. It has a force of its own. Kaya 'yung hangin hindi madadaan. Diretso-diretso 'yan. Kasi umiikot eh. Eh wala. So I ordered.

Then the United States says that I am a --- noon pa as early as... Nasa Davao raw pinatay ko 'yung mga kriminal ganun. At saka ngayon, extrajudicial killing. Susmaryosep.

So hindi nila ibinigay. That's why I went to China. Got to be friends with President Xi Jinping at binigyan ako ng armas. Hindi ka naman maka hindi, ibinigay lang eh. Sabi niya, bigyan kita ng ganun. Hindi... I never raised the ante.

Sabi ko, "Okay. Thank you." Kung kulang pa man, I went to Russia. So Putin also and I quite --- parang kaibigan. 'Yun, so nakakuha ako ng pera diyan China. So...

At saka early on, ayaw ko muna atakehin but in due time. 'Yang EDSA, it's really rotting. So hindi galing sa akin 'yan. Galing 'yan sa mga technocrat. And they said that I would need an emergency power. Though I was not asking for it, I do not need it. Wala akong ano.

Tapos ganun. Pagdating sa Senado, they got wind of the suggestion. Sabi naman nitong mga ibang senador, senadora, "Ah hindi, walang ano 'yan. I-corrupt 'yan, malaking pera." So ako naman bago lang, sabi ko, "Ah ganun?" Sabi ko, "Huwag na."

Now they are --- they are at it again and I am telling them. I'm not interested. Why? Because if you give the money tapos I start on projects with the emergency powers, no bidding, walang lahat 'yan, you can buy anything you want at hindi natapos. At hindi man talaga matapos 'yan with the remaining year. Lalabas lang ako pagka-Presidente, hindi tapos, sabihin ng mga tao, "P***** j***** 'to, naghingi ng emergency powers, billions ang nagasto tapos tingnan mo, iniwan kasi kinurakot 'yung pera."

Rather than gamble on that kind of thing, sabi ko, wala. At noon pa, nung narinig ko lang. Earlier, nandiyan sabi nila na isang senadora na... But one of these days, ibubuga ko talaga sa mukha niya. Gusto ko 'yang harap-harapan kami.

Sabihin ko, "You know, maybe you think that you are the only person in this planet who has integrity and honesty." That's a problem with some --- itong mga mayaman na mga walang utak.

Kagaya ko sabi ko, you know policemen, sabi ko, if you're given gifts accept it. Ikaw kung merong trabaho, bibigyan ka ng ballpen na Sheaffer o Parker, tanggapin mo. Kaya sabi ko sa pulis, tanggapin ninyo. Sinong pumuna kaagad? Lacson immediately, "Mr. President, you know, it starts with small things..."

Tapos ito si Robredo dahil bright nga, sabi niya, "that is illegal, that is unlawful". Hindi nila alam na I was quoting the law, a provision in the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices law. Meron diyan exception, things of nominal value given as a sign of goodwill or gratitude.

I was quoting the nominal value. Apparently, hindi nagbabasa. Kasi 'yung isa nagpapalusot na referring daw doon sa 'yung bing --- ah 'yung karera. My

God, that karera was existing during his time and earlier. Hindi mo talaga sa kanto ninyo may mga video karera 'yan. Hindi mo talaga sabi ko.

Kasi ang may-ari niyan, 'yung mga station commander. Sabi ko, kung hindi ko ma --- kung hindi lang man kayo maghintó, lagyan na ninyo. But it was a sarcastic statement. It was not intended to encourage. Sabi ko, hindi ko na lang kayo mapigilan, 'di punuin na ninyo. Inyo na.

Coming from a mouth of a worker in government, especially ako, it could only mean that I was being sarcastic about it. 'Yan ang sabi ko na mahirap itong... Maduming isip.

Nagsabi, the law itself allows it. So huwag kayong --- huwag kayong basta maniwala. You better check. If there's a something, you wait for a reply. Kung ayaw kong mag-reply, ibig sabihin ah p**** i** I don't respond to... Eh kung wala kang alam, you are talking nonsense, I would rather not waste my time.

So ngayon may bago, Pasig. Ang Pasig ngayon sabi Pasig commission. Maski ano. Pasig Bureau, Pasig department --- department of Pasig. 'Yang Pasig na 'yan, hindi mo malinis 'yan because wala naman tayong zoning. Panahon pa ni Rizal, ang poo ng mga Espanyol noon, diyan sa Pasig pumupunta.

Over the years, ang labasan ng mga factory, mga bahay, lahat, Pasig River. O how you can --- you clean that? Kaya itong commission sa Pasig tanggalin ko na ito, place it under General Cimatú sa DENR. Environment na. Just paying people with... Useless. Hindi mo malinis talaga 'yan.

Kung meron mang --- mayroon ka ng overtime, you have to overhaul the entire city. Unless you build new cities outside at mag-migrate and there's a lessening of you know, people here, maybe you can start. But you can start with the factories. They are all chemicals there.

But you know what, mga sundalo ko sa likod. Ako I'm just near the Pasig River. Naliligo ako minsan diyan kung gusto ko ng bacteria sa katawan for immune --- para ma-immune ako.

Alam mo ang Pilipino hindi magugutom. Maniwala kayo. Iganon mo lang 'yung bingwit mo. Bingwit ba tawag diyan sa Tagalo --- ano, ano ba ang

bingwit sa Tagalog? Bingwit 'yan sa Bisaya. Nauubusan ako ng Tagalog. Hindi ako marunong ng Tagalog p**** j**. Ah basta 'yung bingwit.

In a matter of 30 minutes, you can have a pail full of tilapia. Kasi ang tilapia diyan immune na sa chemicals. 'Yung mercury nandiyan na lahat. Bacteria, all kinds of shit. Itong mga generations of ano... Ang mga lolo ng mga tilapia na 'yan kinakain pa 'yung --- ng mga...

Well anyway, ang corruption talaga sa gobyerno meron. Hindi mo mahinto. Pero kaya ako, out. Diretso out na lang para 'yung sunod na presidente medyo... Out, diretso. FDA --- lahat. Basta sabi ko, "I want out." All... 'Pag hindi, I'll file cases against you. Ganun na lang. Hindi talaga mahinto ang...

There was this secretary. First week of our --- dito, nagpunta na ng ibang lugar. Nagbili ng bumbero doon, truck. Ang spare parts... Well, it has come to --- it has to come from Europe then you'd ship, transshipment. Ang clearing house is Singapore bago magdating dito. By the time, nasunog na pati ang Malacañan.

So 'yan ang frustration ko. Hindi ko... Pero itong droga naman, maraming satsat, satsatsat 'yung mga l**** na human rights.

You know, family of five, father, mother, three children. 'Pag bumagsak ang papa sa droga, this family becomes dysfunctional. Hindi na magtrabaho. So there's no more food, there's no more schooling for the children, wala na. Ang mga teenager na babae nito would go into --- by sheer need, go to prostitution. At marami 'yan.

'Yung ibang anak dito magnakaw. Kung wala siyang makuha... And the monkey is already on his back scratching na gumaganon na dahil sa droga, magpatay. So there was a lot of killing before mugging sa jeep. Hindi lang man nila binilang the total number ng mga tao na namatay sa droga.

And then here comes the human rights. Ang binibilang nila ang p**** j**** patay. Hindi na binibilang 'yung mga pamilya na pinasok, ni-rape 'yung

nanay na bulag, ni-rape 'yung asawa, 'yung mo --- daughter-in-law. Ni-rape 'yung katorse anyos, pati 'yung one-year-old pinakialaman pa, sinaksak sa ulo.

'Yang human rights wala 'yan. Wala silang listahan. Ang kanila sabi 70,000 pinatay ko daw. P***** i** ninyo dagdagan pa ninyo 'yan. Talagang papatayin ko 'yan..

You know, kung pagka ganon just like Medellin in Mexico, Colombia. It's a fractured country. You see the Netflix. Lahat ng dope. Sila 'yung namimili ng ano, ng kandidato. Sila 'yung... At you know, just listen to me because you'd see the enormity of the problem.

I was a mayor and we were called here to report to Malacañan for an urgent meeting with Alunan, the Secretary of DILG. Sabi niya dito sa amin --- he just came from America and had a conference with the DEA, Drug Enforcement Agency. And he was told that at the rate dru --- the drugs were drowning the country, we will be a narco state in due time. And it came to pass.

Fourteen thousand barangay captains selling or into drugs with a lot of police generals. Mga p***** i** kayo sumali pa kayo. That's --- kung meron pa ditong medie --- if we are in the medieval times, that's treason. About seven of them. Takbo ba ng parti --- mananalo pa. They're winning. May pera eh.

Then mayor Parojinog built a house. Ang wallpaper niya 500 pesos. 'Yung wallpaper niya. 'Tong Espinosa na 'to sa Leyte. He was killing. He was even shooting his own policemen who didn't cooperate with them.

Pumasok na talaga ang narco state. Mga mayor. Mayor Mabilog ng... General Loot. P***** i** mo nanalo pa ng barangay --- mayor. Inambush (ambush) kita animal ka, buhay pa rin. General-general mo. P*****... Pag-aral mo sa PMA gastos ng gobyerno. Tapos kayong mga unggoy kayo sinisira ninyo ang bayan. That's why I said I am --- if I was up against government. And so I had to say ang kalaban ko talaga --- little did I realize that I was up against my own government.

So ang sinabi ko, in Davao, when I started to clean up the place, and it's --- hindi naman immaculate. But you go to Davao. O magtingin ka doon kung may maglakad na... You can't --- you cannot smoke even sa labas. You have to look for a place somewhere, sa canal siguro magtago ka. But there's really it's no smoking.

Twelve o'clock sarado na lahat. Wala kaming paputok. Walang sigarilyo, wala lahat. Sabi nila, "diktador." O sabi ko bahala na basta... O ngayon ang tao ang may gusto. Sila na ang may gusto na ano.

Ang sabi ko kasi sa kanila, when I ran, I said, "This is a very dangerous place. I'll make it peaceful. I will build a city. I will make it a comfortable one so that business can thrive and we can..."

O tignan mo ang Davao ngayon. Look. Ang lupa ng Davao mas mahal pa sa --- dito sa Maynila. Believe me. 'Yang mga negosyante. I told them, "I'm going to build a city. Do not f*** with it. Do not bring drugs and kill our children. Do not make it a city that is..."

They cannot even walk the streets. Sabi ko, "I will see to it that your children can walk about any time of the day or night." So those who want to destroy the city, I will kill you. And I'm addressing myself to the human rights.

Magpaputok ka ng nobentador doon, p*** pupulutin ka talaga sa canal. When I became President, talamak talaga ang droga. Tignan mo ang nag-surrender. One million six ang nag-surrender. Ang nagtago, wala.

And that figure was only in Manila. Hindi mo pa binilang ang Cebu, Davao, Bacolod, Cagayan, Leyte, Lucena. Ayan. So sabi nila, one million six in Manila. I have a one million six Filipino slaves to a drug called shabu.

And if there is none, there is no supply, magbawal diyan, magpapatay, magnakaw. 'Yang mga anak ninyo, 'yung mga cabinet, nawawala na 'yung kubiyaertos ninyo pati kotse nawala na. Then at the end of the day...

Ako, when I was in Davao, my friend called me crying, sabi niya, "Punta ka sa bahay ko." Sabi ko, "What happened?" Sabi niya, "Mayor, punta ka lang dito." So pumunta ako. Sabi ko, "Anong nangyari?"

I could hear the wailing cries of the mother sa kotse. Pinapaandar pa. Sabi niya, "Ang anak ko is raping her older sister. Ang nakuha kasi ng baril ko doon sa drawer ng..." So pati sila tinutukan ng baril 'pag pumasok ko.

At sinabi ko, "Patapusin mo na lang 'yan. Kasi 'pag tumawag ako ng pulis, patay 'yan baka pati 'yang anak mong babae." Hindi ito... Itong mga human rights eh, wala ito... Basta sila, they consider it 'yung parang... It's a vogue among mga --- lalo na mga mayaman.

Susmaryosep kayo. Ang corruption dito sa itaas. Pinakamalaking corruption? Gobyerno. 'Yung mga tax exemption ng Donut? Hanggang ngayon. From four billion to four million. Lopez Group of Companies. Pagkatapos ni Marcos, they borrowed money sa DBP. Kaya ang DBP gumanun eh. Ang tagal na-rehabilitate, humina. The Lopez Group of Companies never paid a single centavo. It was condoned by the government. Who condoned it? Who authorized it? I really do not know.

But maybe one of these days, I'll start to dig. Why do you have to give away money to people who are rich? Tapos mag-publish ng mga newspaper with all their protestations and all their grievances for the poor and for...

It's hypocrisy. Lahat 'yan sila. Pati 'yang newspaper. Alam mo na kung ano. Kaya ako, galit ako. I am an angry man. Galit ako sa ano. Pati sa mga lahat na. So ako, same. Human rights international judges.

Well, sabihin mo somebody has to pay for it to answer for it. I... I... I'm willing to do it. You can put me to prison, just give me books to read, you can hang me, you can shoot me in a firing squad.

But when it comes to my country, p**** i**, do not do it. Droga. Kayong mga durugista, mga drug lords, maaabutan ko rin kayo pareho kayo ni Parojinog. Talagang papatayin ko kayo.

Itaga mo kung saan mo itaga 'yan. Sa bayag mo o sa libingan ng nanay mo pati tatay mo. 'Pag inabutan kita, totodasin ko talaga. I said do not f*** with my country. I will kill you.

Maraming salamat po. *[applause]*

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