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#### **PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**

#### **WITH CABINET SECRETARIES AND OTHER OFFICIALS ON THE AFTERMATH OF TYPHOON OMPONG**

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**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Well, I'd like to thank everybody for responding to my invitation to be here today. Just like any other calamity or crisis that have visited the country, we are here to make the assessment and make the appropriate response --- still a question of money. I hope that we can dig deep in our pockets to come up with something to mitigate or alleviate the situation.

Paningin ko naman --- this is not really to minimize or maybe downgrade the damage pero compared with what I have seen in the past, we thank God that ito lang ang inabot natin.

It was not so severe as we expected it to be. Because earlier it was touted that malakas rin ito and so it got everybody worried and... I think I made the right decision when I called for a Cabinet tête-à-tête, very informal. It was the time that I said the Cabinet members should be here especially those `yung provinces niya.

So I started to joke with Secretary Tugade because he's from here and Bebot because the typhoon was plotted to pass by Isabela and the others.

I may not be able to make the rounds of all the areas to be visited. I intend to do it or continue to do it tomorrow. I still have about a day I can spare to go around.

One is just to assure the people that government is present. And this is what I learned --- this is not mine. This is to plagiarize --- for the longest time that I was a local official and President Ramos was the president, he'd

always emphasize on us, stress that we go back to normalcy as soon as possible.

So in that case, you have to make the rehabilitation, the repairs. I could see from a distance that there was only one strip of roof I think that was ripped off. And most of the roofs sa --- when I was making a fly by in all of the places, wala naman masyadong natanggal. You could measure the intensity of the wind plus of course the water na if it removes roofs over houses, over the frames. And fortunately, I could say that a lot of the houses are still there. Others minor, windows and everything.

So this can be discussed with Secretary Diokno when we go home. Whether he has enough calamity funds to... If we have to declare one, then we'll talk about the money that we can share with the others.

Para sa akin the most important one would be the bridges if there are damages to maintain the connectivity and itong mga sa ilaw. Iyong public service muna for the general public. Then we would follow the rules of how to spend the remaining money to help the residents.

I'm sure there's a big component of that. Each and every department has in fact money intended really to meet this kind of situation. So we will discuss one by one.

Hindi pa kami kumain ha sa totoo lang. Maski pan lang okay na. Pan, kape okay ako. Tootoo. Pan lang pati coffee would be fine. Mamaya na 'yang pagkain.

Kami ni Bebot sa dormitoryo noon 'pag wala ng allowance kay naubos na sa jai alai 'yang p\*\*\*\*\* j\*\*\*\*\* 'yan.*[laughter]* Kaya hindi talaga ako pumayag. When I became mayor, noong panahon ni Estrada, Atong Ang went to Davao, si Atong. Nakiusap siya na magtayo ng jai alai, sabi ko, "Tong, magkaibigan tayo, huwag mo na lang pilitin mag-aaway lang tayo."

And it's because of the experience sa --- during student days when Bello started to squander his allowance doon sa jai alai. And he was eating bread and water for the next 28 days of the month. *[laughter]*

Kaya ayoko 'yang sugal. Tootoo lang. I don't mind maybe 'yung sa labas na -- - but they have to pay the taxes. Making the Philippines as a base to attract companies outside, okay ako diyan. But not for local market. Ayaw ko. Wala tayong maabutan diyan sa sugal na mabuti. Maubos pera mo diyan. Mabuti pa kung babae lang basta you stick to your wife, you will survive.

So may we hear from Secretary Tolentino first? You can now give us an overview of...

**PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS FRANCIS**

**TOLENTINO:** Thank you, Mr. President. Magandang hapon po sa mga members ng Gabinete, sa Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas, PNP at lahat ng naririto.

Four hours, Mr. President, before impact, with the permission of General Albayalde and General Espino, we convened a readiness conference involving PNP Region-2, PNP Cordillera, PNP Region-1 --- Regions 1 and Cordillera were connected to us via teleconferencing. May ilaw pa ho noon, Mr. President. Meron pang signal ang Internet.

And NOLCOM, General Salamat was there to test the readiness of our uniformed services personnel. The AFP was there, Secretary Tugade was there, Mr. Faeldon was there, OCD was there, among others.

Naipakita po, Mr. President, ang kahandaan ng lahat kabilang po ang mga local government units. Nakipag-usap po ako kay Governor Padilla of Nueva Vizcaya. Dinaanan ko po si Governor Bojie Dy and Congressman Albano. Kausap ko rin po si Governor Mamba.

That was four hours before impact. Pagdating po ng impact, doon po siguro naramdaman ni Secretary Bello, Secretary Tugade and the rest that you sent here kung gaano kalakas ang bagyong Ompong.

Without realizing the impact, ang binantayan lang po talaga na tutukan ay 'yung pathway ni Ompong: Isabel, Cagayan corridor. Ang pinangangambahan po namin, Mr. President, ay kung ano ang mangyayari sa Gonzaga kung saan ang sabi po ay merong nagbabadyang storm surge. Meron pong pitumpung padre de pamilya na nagbalikan doon sa kanilang mga bahay para tingnan 'yung kanilang mga inaalagaang halaman.

Sa tulong po ni General Espino at ng ating provincial commander, napabalik po 'yon. Zero casualty po sa Gonzaga, municipality of Gonzaga.

Ang point of impact po, landfall is Baggao. Sa Baggao po, Mr. President, wala po tayong naitalang --- wala po tayong naitalang casualty sa Baggao. Iyong concern po ni Governor Bojie Dy apat na bayan sa Isabel na remote, isolated, Palanan, Dinapigue, Divilacan, and Maconacon, wala rin pong naitala doon na casualty.

The following day, Mr. President, we convened an emergency meeting of all the regional directors. The regional directors are present here. Can you stand up please? Sila po ang kumakatawan sa iba't ibang... Please be seated. Sila po ang kumakatawan sa iba't ibang sangay ng pamahalaan na under po sa ating mga Cabinet secretaries.

We agreed Secretaries Tugade and Bello to subdivide the tasking without diminishing the structure of NDRRMC and OCD. All social services related regional agencies specifically DOLE, DSWD, isinama na rin na po namin doon ang NEDA, Department of Agriculture, NFA, will be --- DTI, will --- DepEd, will be reporting --- and Department of Health, will be reporting to Secretary Bello for purposes of facilitating reportorial and response procedures.

Immediately after our conference yesterday, two hours --- a few hours after the typhoon, kinonvene (convene) na po ni Secretary Bello 'yung cluster niya. And he is ready to render a report targeting the main concern which is food supply and rice.

Secretary Tugade was given the following regional agencies, of course, DOTr, DPWH, all communications, DICT, PAGASA, DOE, among others. Immediately after the meeting, kinonvene na rin po ni Secretary Tugade 'yung kanyang cluster. And now ang target po nila at natapos na ho ata problema ng kuryente, 'yung problema ng NGCP at nung mga local electric cooperatives.

Lahat po 'yan naganap, Mr. President, while the PNP, the military, the Bureau of Fire, other volunteer civilians --- ah segments of our society are conducting clearing operations. Lumipas po 'yung magdamag, Mr. President, ngayon po gumaganda na 'yung panahon.

Dumating po sa atin... Pasensiya na po kayo habang kumakain kayo...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hindi okay lang, okay lang.

**SEC. TOLENTINO:** Ang Mahal na Pangulo, dumating po sa atin 'yung report sa casualty. Ang tagubilin niyo po sa akin unahin natin 'yung pagtutok sa ating mga kababayan --- 5.7 million Filipinos are supposed to be affected by this strong typhoon.

Wala pong casualty sa Isabela. Ang una pong nag-declare ng walang casualty Quirino. Wala pong casualty sa Aurora, I'm keeping my fingers crossed. Subalit meron po tayong naging mga casualties and this has been

confirmed and validated, I have the names, 4:10 p.m. po kahapon tapos na 'yung bagyo, meron pong landslide sa Nueva Vizcaya.

Ang Nueva Vizcaya po may kuryente ngayon. Ang nangyari po doon Mahal na Pangulo 'yung isang pamilya, sila po ay kinukuha para pumunta sa evacuation center ang naging --- ang nangyari po doon remote barangay sa Kayapa ay selective compliance and ginawa. 'Yung padre de pamilya ang ipinadala sa evacuation center, tatlo lang. Naiwan 'yung apat sa bahay kasama 'yung isang walong taong gulang na --- dalawang taong gulang na bata at isang walong buwang sanggol. Sila po ay nadaganan ng lupa sa landslide.

Kanina po inireport sa akin sa Ilocos Sur dapat po casualty free. Meron pong isang naglilinis na ng kanyang punong mangga, tinatabas po 'yung punong mangga, nadaganan po nung mga branches, nasawi po siya.

Nag-report po sa akin si Governor Baac ng Kalinga, isa lang po 'yung casualty nila due to soil erosion, gumulong 'yung bato, dead on arrival, tinamaan sa ulo 'yung isang residente ng Kalinga.

Ang marami po tayong casualty, Mr. President, is Cordillera. Sa Cordillera po as I speak, we are still searching for 13 missing individuals. Areas po ng Itogon, Benguet, Mt. Province and parts of Baguio. Ang confirmed po ngayon na nasawi sa area ay 24 na. Karamihan po dito because of landslides, 'yung soil saturation because of rainfall, soil subsided because of rainfall. At dahil napakalayo po nung ibang mga lugar na hindi na napuntahan nung pagpapaabiso ng barangay, hindi po nakapunta sa evacuation centers kalimitan po dito ay 'yung may edad, senior citizens na mga kababayan natin.

'Yon po 'yung nakakalungkot na balita dito but your uniformed services personnel, all your LGUs did everything that they could do to prevent --- to request, to force the evacuation of their constituents. Dangan nga lamang po merong --- meron po talagang nahirapan kagaya po nitong sa Nueva Vizcaya, ang layo po doon sa highway ay apat na oras 'yung lalakaran. So hindi po talaga kayang masundo na 'yung nangyari po doon.

So ito po, Mr. President, 'yung malungkot lang na balita. But in terms of the preparedness of all the agencies that I required to stand, eh talaga naman pong naging handa sila. We are now, Mr. President, ending the search and rescue operations. By tomorrow, the rehabilitation phase should commence.

Dapat po mare-restore na 'yung power lines, 'yung tubig po dito 'yung Metro Tuguegarao Water District ay may tubig na po hindi gaya po kahapon medyo

nababawasan, parang nagfa-fluctuate. I'm happy to report Isabela is casualty zero free. Iyong southern Isabela hindi naman po natamaan.

Secretary Tugade reported yesterday that the our airports will be operational by today. The telcos have improved their services. Ang kailangan na lang po siguro natin, Mr. President, 'yung dalawang nabanggit ko kanina and Secretaries Tugade and Bello respectively will report.

We are also awaiting and requesting the various local government units to declare their individual state of calamity as pursuant to the Local Government Code because that will trigger the price freeze of DTI. 'Pag nag-declare na po ng state of calamity si Cagayan, si Isabela and the others --- and the other regions comprising CAR and Region 1, DTI will kick in the price freeze process.

So, Mr. President, ganun po 'yung nangyari dito. Ang kailangan po natin kagaya nung sinabi ninyo ay quick recovery. With the presence of all the national government agencies here, palagay ko po mapapabilis 'yan. I already expressed my condolences in your behalf to the loved ones and the families affected. Halos 29 na po tayo ngayon, Mr. President, at nakikiramay po tayo doon sa mga nasawi dahil doon sa landslide.

We've done everything, Mr. President. We congratulate PNP Regional Commander 2 General Espino, General Nana of CAR, General Sapitula of Region 1 at lahat po ng ating mga gobernador. Talaga pong tumutok lahat sila. Ang kailangan na lang po ngayon, Mr. President, ay ma-repair na 'yung dapat ma-repair dahil ang sinasabi po ni Governor Mamba at Governor Bojie Dy, 'yung epekto po ng typhoon Lawin, halos hindi pa ho nakakarekober, nadagdagan na naman po ngayon.

Ito pong kapitolyong ito halos mawalan po ito ng bubong, hindi pa ho na-repair simula noong typhoon Lawin na halos kasing lakas ng bagyong Ompong. Iyon lamang po ang maiiulat ko, Mr. President. Pasasalitain ko po si Secretary Tugade at si Secretary Bello.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Well, before the two secretaries, I am... I share the grief of those who have lost their loved ones, those who are what would call unforeseen events. In insurance, it is termed "an act of God". I don't know how it can be an act of God but that is the term used in insurance.

Mabuti't na lang we had time really to meet. Now see the advantage of being here right at the start. I did not --- well for one moment doubt that your presence here, Secretary Bello and si Art, na taga rito, sabi ko umuwi kayo doon at harapin natin 'yung problema. And I'll go there as fast as I can.

So I am very pleased with the report. I would like to first to hear General Jalad and then followed by Bebot and Secretary Tugade.

**OCD USEC. RICARDO JALAD:** Sir, the Regional Director of Office of Civil Defense who heads the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council here in Region 2 has a prepared briefing for the President.

But anyway, before that briefing, let me inform the President that one week before the ---- or almost two weeks before the landfall, when we detected the likelihood of a typhoon being developing somewhere in the Marshall Islands; and when we projected it, it will likely affect the Philippines, we advised the concerned agencies to undertake necessary preparedness.

And the DILG issued directive towards that effect. Likewise, we convened meetings initially at the Office of Civil Defense and then we progressed towards meetings at the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council in Camp Aguinaldo.

So we afford ourselves early preparation for this very strong typhoon. And various agencies within the region carried out preparedness actions not only in Region 2 as well as Cordillera, Region 1 and even Region 3.

Aside from that, as presented to you last week, we had a contingency plan for augmentation of responders towards any affected regions.

And we have now deployed in Cordillera in order to help in the retrieval or rescue of anybody affected in the various landslide incidents that happened within Cordillera --- units from the Philippine Army, Philippine Air Force coming from Metro Man --- units in --- outside of these regions. So they are now helping in the search, rescue and retrieval efforts.

Now, to give the President the bird's eye view of the effect of the --- of Typhoon Ompong here in Region 2, I think Region 2 Director of OCD has a briefing for the President, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** I cannot overemphasize the role of the police and the military.

Alam mo kasi pagka crisis management, whatever it is fire, flood, my experience as --- with the local government is that if you want an orderly fashion of managing, mobilization, you need to call the police and the military. Very important.

The only ones --- they're the only ones who can really do it and make the others implemented or obeyed.

So wala kayong ano diyan. I'd like to thank the uniformed personnel of the Republic and of course the volunteers na tumulong.

I could only offer my snappy salute and my gratitude for being here during the crisis. *[applause]*

Now, I will go now to Bebot. Then after that, to Art. So sinong mauna sa inyo? Puro man kayo Ilocano. Wala --- wala mang Bisaya dito. Sige na, go ahead.

Hindi, hindi, hindi masyado. Not, not...

**DOTR. SEC. ARTHUR TUGADE:** Pinagtutulakan ho `yung mikropono ni Secretary Bebot sa akin so ako na ho ang mauuna.

Noong Huwebes ho, nung naatasan kami ng ating Pangulo na lumakad dito noong Huwebes ng gabi, andidito po kami ni Secretary Bello at ako.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sandali, Art. `Yung gabi ba na `pag-hiwalay-hiwalay natin, pack-up kaagad kayo?

**SEC. TUGADE:** Po?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Pack-up kaagad kayo? Alis kaagad kayo?



**SEC. TUGADE:** Yes, sir. Ang instruction niyo ho gabi ho ng Huwebes. Andidito kami ni Secretary Bello bago mag 8:30 in the morning the following day.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** T\*\*\* i\*\*, Senator, bilib ako sa'yo ah. *[laughter]*

**SEC. TUGADE:** Pagdating ho, nakipag-pulong agaran kami sa mga local government, kay Gobernador, at pati na rin sa 'yung alkalde ng Tuguegarao, na kung saan napag-usapan 'yung tinatawag na mga plano at anong gagawin.

Ginawa rin ho namin ang pagkakataon na mag-inspeksyon nung evacuation center --- sa habang umuulan, napunta ho ako.

Sabihin ko lang ho ng konting human story. Noong ako'y nag-inspeksyon sa Tuguegarao East Central School, meron ho isang grupo doon nakilala ko, tiya ko pala na taga-Claveria.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Taga-saan ka ba dito? Where is your place?

**SEC. TUGADE:** Hindi ho, taga-Claveria ho sila, nagpunta sa Tuguegarao. Kapit-bahay namin doon sa Minanga sa Claveria noon. And they --- we had a very a tearful recounting of our student days...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Reunion?

**SEC. TUGADE:** Reunion. Malungkot lang kasi nasa evacuation center sila. Kung maaari nga lang bitbitin ko nang palabas at isama ko pero talagang ganun ho.

So na-inspeksyon ho lahat 'yan at madami hong mga pangyayari na aming ginawa ni Secretary Bebot.

Noong hapon ho, naghiwalay na kami ni Secretary Bebot at si Secretary Bebot pumunta na po siya sa Isabela pagka't 'yun ang assignment niya at ako'y naiwan sa Cagayan.

Dumating ho 'yung bagyo mga 8 o'clock nung first landfall. Akala ko kaya kong lumabas, Mr. President. Inumpisahan ko inspeksyunin dapat 'yung airport at saka 'yung mga pantalan.

Bakit airport tsaka pantalan? Because no brainer ho 'yan, kailangan ho 'yan for connectivity kung merong isolation. Kaya pumunta ako sa Tuguegarao airport. At nung bumaba kami doon, nakita ho namin 'yung airport, sira. 'Yung opisina, sira.

Pero ang isang bahagi ho ng pagdalaw namin 'yun bang pagbaba namin, umuuga. Talagang umuuga. Eh sabi ko, "Baka maging statistics pa tayo dito." Bumalik kami sa hotel at nag-monitor na lang kami.

Una ho, 'yung sa airport. Sa imprastruktura on a general aspect, amin hong napagkaalaman kahapon sa aming pulong-pulong with Secretary Tolentino na minimal ho 'yung damage sa imprastruktura. Hindi ho lalagpas siguro 'yan ng mga 35 hanggang 40 million.

Malungkot na isang malaking bahagi ng na-damage is 'yung airport --- 'yung CAAP office. Natakot ho ako baka naapektuhan 'yung runway or 'yung rampa, o 'yung ILS na itinayo. Bagamat nung hapon na, sure na ho kami na okay 'yung rampa, 'yung runway, tapos na-install 'yung high velocity telecommunications pati na 'yung satellite communications.

Kaya naniwala kami na nung hapon pa, pwede nang mag-landing 'yung eroplano. Kaya pumayag ho ako na 'yung C25 --- 'yung aircraft ng kuwan na pwede mag-landing kahapon pero ipinagpaliban nalang.

Ang na-damage ho sa atin, 'yun hong baggage carousel at saka 'yung X-ray. 'Yung X-ray siguro ho sa mga susunod na araw, baka mano-mano tayo diyan kasi nagpapahanap ho ako ng --- una, gagawa ng X-ray pero matatagalan 'yung X-ray, baka may available X-ray dalhin, kung hindi, i-o-order.

Ang sabi ho sa akin, 'yung commercial operations, question mark pa 'yung X-ray. Pwede na ho latest Tuesday, commercially operational na 'yan.

'Yung sa mga ibang paliparan kagaya ho ng Cauayan, operational 'yan. Ang Laoag, operational na ho ngayon. Wala namang problemang malaki sa Basco at walang problema sa Lal-lo.

Doon sa mga paliparan, basically wala ho talagang tinamaan ng salanta o damage except for the CAAP offices and the various offices at the airport in Tuguegarao.

Doon ho sa pagka-damage nung airport kung matatagalan, pinag-usapan ho namin kahapon na i-explore 'yung possibility na pwedeng gamitin 'yung Cauayan Airport --- 'yung Cauayan Airport, sir, or 'yung Lal-lo.

Pero magkakaroon ako ng parang P2P transporting the passengers either to Lal-lo or Cauayan kung 'yung mga gustong mag-ano. Ine-explore ho natin 'yung posibilidad na 'yan.

Pero naniniwala ho kami kanina sa pulong-pulong namin kaninang umaga na hindi naman magtatagal ito. 'Yung kung gagamitin ang Tuguegarao, ang inconvenience ho niyan, 'yung screening ng багаhe kasi talagang sira ho 'yung X-ray.

'Yung ibang paliparan is okay. Ngayon, doon sa mga puerto ho, pagsasama-samahin ko na. Port of Currimao, Port of Aparri, Port of Masinloc, Port of Batanes, Port of Pangasinan, Port of Salomague, Port of Claveria, Port of Sual, base port from --- ito ho, basically no damage. Anong ibig sabihin nun? Useable ho siya ngayon pati 'yung schedule namin.

Gusto ko lang hong sabihin Mr. President for your information. Una ho, 'yung desisyon niyo na ipadala kami sa totoo lang ho, is a very wise decision.

Kasi noong nakita kami ng mga local government, nandidiyan sila gobernador, nagkaroon sila, sir, ng talagang --- lumakas ang loob, laban kasi nandidiyan ang national government. Buong-buo ho ang loob nila.

Napakaganda hong desisyon pagkat nakita ko how the local government works lalo't higit dito sa Cagayan at lalo't higit sa Tuguegarao.

Handa ho sila maliban siguro sa isang aspeto na kung bibigyan ako ng pagkakataon, tutumbukin ko ho tungkol sa relief center or 'yung evacuation center. Mamaya ho, kung may panahon, sasabihin ko 'yan.

Handa po sila lalo't higit sa Cagayan kasi kaka-experience lang nila 'yung Lawin. Ang isa hong magandang punto na nangyari dito na ipinagdiinan namin 'yung tinawag kong preemptive information.

Kasi dati meron ho tayong preemptive evacuation. Sabi ko bugbugin natin ng information, preempted them to a point na sinabi ko pag sa puerto, mag-stop ako ng operation 'di bale nang murahin ako na 'di ko ipinadala 'yung kuwan.

Sandali lang 'yan pero kung mumurahin ako diyan at may nangyari sa laot diyan, kawawa tayo. Ganun din ho sa mga bus. Ganun din ho sa eroplano. So magandang kuwan 'yun. Katulong ho at kaakibat namin diyan 'yung mga kapulisan at kasundaluhan.

Panalo 'yung sabi niyo hong critical sila? 'Yung kasundaluhan saka kapulisan? Panalo ho. Nakita ko 'yung commitment nila. Kasama ko silang tuyo't basa na tumitingin. But they keep the security. Minsan hindi na nga nila ho trabaho 'yung mag-impake. Nag-iimpake pa sila.

In the morning, sir, nung dumating kami, tamang-tama merong --- [*Anong tawag doon?*] --- parade kuwan 'yung mga kapulisan, 1,700 yata 'yun. Tinawag ako ni General Espino at ibinigay 'yung mikropono. Sabi niya magsalita ako diyan.

At nakita mo dahil sa presensya ng national government, animated 'yung mga kabataan pati 'yung mga kapulisan. And they were deployed in various places where the eye of the typhoon and the other conflagration was forecast to happen. Napakaganda ho.

Nakita ho natin pati 'yung mga tao. 'Pag kumilos ho 'yung local government, 'pag kumilos 'yung kapulisan at mga kasundaluhan at makikita 'yung national government doon, sir, naniniwala ho 'yung mga tao.

'Pag sinabi nilang evacuate, evacuate. 'Pag sinabi nilang umalis, umalis. Of course, merong pa-ilan-ilan na matitigas ang ulo na inaddress ho ng ating mga kasundaluhan. Meron ho 'yung 70 people sa Gonzaga na ayaw umalis.

Nagagalit na nga si Secretary Tolentino. Sabi niya, "Posasan mo na 'yan, buhatin niyo palabas."

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Mga pinsan 'yun ni Bebot. [*laughter*]

**SEC. TUGADE:** Ayaw ho talagang umalis. Pero 'yung mga ganyan...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** U\*\*\*\*\*.

**SEC. TUGADE:** Pero compared to what has happened in the past, 'yung compliance tsaka obedience ng civilian population, iba ho.

Sinabi sa akin ni kuwan niyan --- ni Governor tsaka ni Mayor --- [*Sino 'yung general? Soriano.*] --- Soriano. Maganda ho 'yung samahan.

Sana ho 'yung experience na ganyan can be replicated all over kasi nakikita 'yung epekto ng samahan ng LGU, 'yung populasyon, 'yung kapulisan, 'yung kasundaluhan, 'yung national government, 'pag nagsama-sama, kaya nilang ibsan 'yung mga problema.

Sabihin ko na rin ho 'yung --- ito gusto ni Secretary Berna. Magugustuhan niyo ho ito. Kasi nung... May problema ho sa Tuguegarao at kinausap namin 'yung mga private airlines.

'Yung Cathay Pacific ho saka 'yung Philippine Airlines --- 'yung Cathay Pacific, antimano nung kausap namin, sabi niya, "We will fly what we call militar..."

Ah Cebu Pacific sir ha, hindi Cathay. [*laughter*] Gusto ko na sir pumunta sa Hong Kong. Mas maganda yata ma-assign sa Hong Kong. [*laughter*]

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Nakikinig lang ako sa iyo.

**SEC. TUGADE:** Sir, antimano sabi ng Cebu Pacific, "We will deploy what we call a missionary flight, 70 passengers capacity." Ano ibig sabihin ho nun?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Feeder routes.

**SEC. TUGADE:** Oho, pwede hong ilagay equipment, tao, relief good, iba ilalagay doon pag-operate.

Hindi ho nagpatalo 'yung Philippine Airlines. Nung sinabi kong 'yung Philippine Air Force magpapadala na ng kuwan, sabi ng Philippine Airlines, "Kami magpapadala ng PAL Express." In other words, you can see the trigger of support even by business.

Ganun din ho 'yung nangyari dito 'yung mga malalaking bus company na kung saan kinausap namin at nakikipagtulungan, "huwag kayong mag-operate." Nung natapos ho 'yung bagyo, tumawag pa 'yung iba sa akin, "Saan kami tutulong?"

Napakaganda hong pangitain. I have to underscore this because this is what I experienced, this is what I saw. There are two items, Mr. President, if I may that we should look into in the medium term and in the long term.

Una ho 'yung tinatawag natin na evacuation center. 'Yung mga evacuation center po, mga eskwelahan, parte ng simbahan, mga patio. Sir, dala-dala nung mga nag-evacuees 'yung mga kaldero, 'yung mga paglulutuan.

Eh baka pag may mangyari pa diyan, pagluluto diyan, magkaroon pa tayo ng conflagration diyan. Kailangan sipatin natin 'yung istruktura, polisiya, at pamamaraan sa evacuation center.

Kung evacuation center, kailangan secure. Ang evacuation center, hindi lang ho naman, Mr. President, sa bagyo. Baka sa giyera 'yan o sa putukan, kailangan natin. So kailangan bigyan ng matinding pagsilip upang we will really have an honest-to-goodness evacuation center. Kumpleto. Merong lutuan, may kubeta, may tulugan.

Kasi 'yung nakita ko ho, sir, hindi ho maganda. Hindi ho maganda. Lalo na naka-cramp up sa mga eskwelahan. Pag hindi pa nag-uwian 'yung mga nasa evacuation center ngayon, wala nanamang pasok 'yung mga eskwelahan.

So there is a trigger. And this has to be really seriously looked into.

Ang pangalawa ho, nakausap ko naman 'yung mga kasamahan natin dito, hindi naman ho pagbibintang.

Ang sabi ko, silipin natin 'yung anunsyo. How we communicate signal number four or signal number three, nandodoon tayo sa isang meeting na kung saan nag-uusap tayo dito signal number four. Tignan mo 'yung television sa likod mo, ang nakasulat signal number three.

Pag aasa 'yung tao diyan at matulog 'yan na signal number two, baka pag gising ng umaga niyan o hindi na magising, nalunod na 'yan.

In other words, we have to design an integrated, spread and nationally spread of news related to the crisis. Be it a storm or a conflagration para nung ganun, handa.

Kaya hindi bale nang --- sabi nga sa Ingles, "It's better to over-communicate than not to communicate at all." Kung meron hong isang nakatulong diyan in addition to what I said earlier, it is the over-communication. It is what I call the preemptive communication.

I think communication must come up with an idea so that automatic 'yun na hindi na 'yung tatawag ka sa PAGASA, ita-tally diyan, kailangan naka-interlap, naka-hook 'yan. Because in that moment of time you save burial time, and the absence of burial time in the implementation of valid and sound communication could be fatal.

'Yun po 'yung dalawang natutunan ko ngayon na dapat bigyang pansin at pagtuunan natin ng pansin. We care for our people, we want to save lives.

Sabi ng boss, sabi ng ating Pangulo, ang marching order niya sa atin na ipinarating kay Secretary Tolentino: Save life.

Yes, sir, we will save life and one way of saving --- achieving that "save life" are the two things: the evacuation center and the communication. Making the presence of national government felt on site on real time.

Mr. President, nagpapasalamat ho kami ni Bebot saka ni Tolentino, kung hindi niyo kami ipinadala dito, wala kaming experience.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hmm, ayaw man ninyo noon. *[laughter]*

**SEC. TUGADE:** Oo nga ho. Nagtatawanan ho kami pero 'yung tawanan lang ho, Mr. President, sandali lang. Kasi pagkatapos ng meeting, nagpulong-pulong kami. Alas siyete, umalis ako. Nandidito ho ako ng 8:30 kasama si Secretary Bebot.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Probably you have noticed that I was really --- hindi ako nag-deadpanning, I was really serious in saying that you have to go there because somebody suggested that you must have a face there, who was it?

Pero siya hindi ready magpunta dito. Oo. Sabi ko, kayong dalawa. Ikaw taga... Hindi tamad ang Ilocano, sa totoo lang.

Ngayon, just to --- para hindi na makalimutan, Art. There's really a problem sa X-ray. Because --- well, it's being used every day all over the country and most of the airports have that and that is a very --- very critical component sa security.

I remember Davao suffered the same fate, months ago, when I was mayor tapos mga apat na buwan. I think you'd do well to have another three or four stock lang sa iyo since you're running the airports in the country.

Mahirap kasi 'yang mag-ano, mag-mano-mano because it would create again an --- an aberration all throughout. Delayed flights, stressed people, and everything is in aberration.

So 'yun ang isang suggestion ko sa iyo, why don't you just have about three or four pang-reserba? For the big ones and for the small ones. Davao needs only --- 'yung mga domestic. But the big ones, itong mga NAIA, well of course, it's being operated by somebody else or it could be in the hands of the private enterprises, okay na 'yan. So long as they can really provide the security.

Ngayon, ang concern ko is itong ano, kay --- sabi ko kay ma'am Briones na historically pagka mayroong crisis, whatever, man-made or calamity, sunog and itong away, t\*\*\* i\*\*\*\*\* mga NPA na ito. 'Yung --- 'yung mass movement ng tao, ma'am, always they seek refuge in schools because that's the only one big enough to accommodate a number of people.

I want to maybe 'yung DPWH to design --- just like a gym but it cannot be a place for habitation, it's only intended to be used during itong evacuation center. Kasi pag ganito tayo nang pag ganito, especially in places na prone sa baha, ang mga bata napuputol 'yung edukasyon.

If we can have a design from DPWH na maganda, parang gym, with a lot of --- maybe, marami lang ano, 'yung separate lang 'yung comfort rooms or washrooms for the ladies and the... Ako meron ako dun sa Davao ganun, separate lang.



So if you have about 10 of that and another 10 for the men, it would go a long way to alleviate the suffering of the people at that time.

At sa Mindanao, you do well to... Meron ako, if you have time, just in front of the Davao Medical Center Southern Philippines. Meron akong itinayo diyan na parang gym kasi 'yung mga tao may kasama talaga 'yan ng --- kasama nila 'yang mga sakit nila.

Nakita mo sa bukid, 'pag nagkasakit ang tatay, lahat 'yan bababa. Walang maiwan eh. That's how miserable life is in the mountains.

'Pag nagkatrangkaso o nagka --- whatever, for any reason and they have to go to the hospital, dala 'yang pamilya and the problem is nandiyan lang 'yan sila sa ano --- sa ilalim ng kahoy ganun.

So one day, I invited about five millionaire sa Davao tapos nag-usap kami, sabi ko, "Kumain kayo nang husto, gastos ko 'to para maligaya kayo." Then after that, dinala ko sila doon sa ospital, itinuro ko 'yung bakanteng lote, sabi ko kailangan ko ng parang sort of a gym, open-air lang baka kasi kung ano 'yung congestion.

Kaya parang gym lang na may tarapal to cover the guys who are there during mahangin o maulan, pero meron sa Davao. But if we can make it something like one for every --- lalo na sa --- dito, 'yang humaharap ng typhoon, Samar, Leyte, Bohol, Cebu hindi masyadong ma --- structurally ano na eh, ang Cebu they can always find a secure place.

But itong mga open fields kagaya ng Leyte, Samar, 'yan talaga ang kawawa. So it might cost us billions there, but if we can have --- Mindanao hindi masyado eh. Wala masyado ang Mindanao. It's the Eastern Visayas and the Eastern --- 'yung facing the Pacific Ocean. Because the typhoon generates there because the warm water is there.

So 'yan ang isa na pag-aralan na lang. Maski pagalis natin, pagkatapos natin sa gobyerno, may maiwan tayo na ganun.

So as not really to create, I said, a temporary closure of classes.

And 'yung sa DPWH kung wala namang problema ang daan pati bridges, walang problema sa... Meron bang tulay na naano?

**SEC. TUGADE:** 'Yung sa Cordillera, sir, meron lang. Tapos 'yung nandito sa --- 'yung sa Loakan airport. Matindi ho 'yung damage nung Loakan airport.

Meron ngang isang bahay doon na-wash away doon sa Runway 27. So siguro it will take more than a week bago ko malinisan 'yung Loakan.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Anyway, I'm going to the Cordillera sa Baguio bukas. And 'yung flights, ito kay DOT Secretary na 'yan to make the... Tatal barkada mo man itong dalawa, ikaw na lang mag-follow up niyan Berna, 'yung feeder routes tawag nila, missionary, 'yung mga bagong openings na ano.

'Yun if they can provide, marami namang sakayan, mura namang eroplano ngayon, kung sakali. 'Wag lang nilang mahalan masyado.

By the way, Art, ito bang pamasahang sa eroplano kontrolado talaga ng airlines o kontrolado natin? Which is which?

**SEC. TUGADE:** 'Yung pamasahang sa eroplano ho, may say ho 'yung tinatawag natin na CAB.

Lahat po ng flight structures niyan, kontrolado ng CAB. Meron ho akong mga sinisilip, hindi lang sa eroplano pati presyo sa shipping na kung saan magkakaroon ng preferential rate or even --- nasabi ko na ito kay Secretary Piñol, na 'yung food lalo 'yung perishable, iba 'yung presyo.

Ngayon ho 'yung presyo sa pagsakay sa eroplano involved ho diyan 'yung tinatawag na presyo ng fuel, 'yung Avgas control. Kaya 'pag tumaas 'yung presyo ng Avgas sa merkado, tataas din 'yung presyo ng pamasahang.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Yeah, by how much? Mahal masyado ang pamasahang ngayon. Totoo lang.

**SEC. TUGADE:** Sir, sa totoo lang, sir, noon, nung bago tayo nag-assume, laging may diskusyon diyan how much.

Nung nag-assume ho tayo, inumpisahan ko 'yan ng mga three months ago, nag-i-establish ako ng matrix, para establish 'yung matrix na nakatali sa cost ng fuel o per barrel.

Kasi ang nangyayari ho nun, ma'am, 'pag na-approve 'yung increase ng surcharge sa fuel, maski bumagsak na 'yung presyo, hindi na nila kuwan. Ngayon, by creating a matrix na nakatali sa dalawa ho, 'yung price of fuel per barrel in the open market and the Central Bank Consumer Price Index, 'yon ho 'yung sinasangga-sangga natin.

'Yun ho 'yung mga pinagusapan kasama 'yung mga airlines po, mga a month ago na bumubuo ho kami ng matrix. So that hindi 'yung usap-usapan, mag-uusap ka tapos na 'yung --- bumaba na 'yung presyo ng fuel, pinag-uusapan mo pa 'yung surcharge.

Ini-implement mo na 'yung increased surcharge, bumagsak na 'yung cost of fuel nakalimutan nang ibaba. So ang ginagawa ho natin ngayon, ginagawa kong axiomatic based on that matrix.

Ang mangyayari diyan, 'pag ikaw hindi mo binaba pagdating nung presyo o ni per barrel, ah you can be subject to sanctions and penalty. Ganun ho, pinag-aaralan ho ngayon 'yan. Malaking bagay ho 'yung cost of fuel.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** One of the most expensive ang Pilipinas sa pamasaha ng eroplano 'no. 'Yung pamasaha ng eroplano. You can get it about \$100 outside with the same distance.

**SEC. TUGADE:** Kasi ho wala po tayong sariling fuel, langis. 'Yung mga iba ho meron sila.

Kaya 'yun ho 'yung malaking advantage nila. Sana ho kung meron tayong sariling langis maka-calibrate mo 'yan.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Alam that has all the --- that has to be explained always to the people na they would like to compare the Philippines to post-war era 'yung after the World War II. While nations were really busy rebuilding their infrastructures and the economy, meron kasing isang bagay na ibinigay ng Diyos sa iba na wala tayo, and that is fuel.

I don't know how we would --- Secretary Pernia would compute it sa GDP ang --- ang oil. How much do you think would --- ? Ang...

**SOCIOECONOMIC PLANNING SEC. ERNESTO PERNIA:** Oil natin?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Oo, 'yung imports. Just to run the country because everything is run by fuel, the machines that...

**SEC. PERNIA:** Imports natin... Kulang... Well, the imports of oil for our fuel needs, our energy needs are siguro easily mga 80 percent. Mataas ang ano -- mataas ang ano natin, requirements, import requirements.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** I cannot... Can you explain it to me again? Ikaw na lang.

**DOE SEC. ALFONSO CUSI:** Mr. President, good afternoon. 'Yun pong tungkol sa oil, everything na oil requirement po natin is imported. Imported.

'Yun pong sa power, kung sa power po, I think 50 percent is dependent on oil and 50 percent are already sa atin po, indigenous na po natin.

Renewable, Malampaya and 'yung coal. Pero 'yung others, 'yung oil, katulad ng mga ginagamit sa mga cooperatives, all imported po ang ating oil. That's why we are working on that project, on exploration sa --- sa Philippine Rise at saka sa West Philippine Sea po for our oil sufficiency.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Alam mo, one tragic development in this country was really the absence of vessels sa sea --- barko that --- that used to travel from the provinces to Manila.

Alam mo ang Davao nawalaan 'yan and so everybody has to take, walang choice eh --- eroplano. And irrespective of the economic level. Ang problema kasi dito sa barko is ang mga probinsyano kasi, ito 'yung kay Art na 'to eh.

'Yung probinsyano kasi, Art, magpunta ng Maynila may mga baon 'yan sila. Baon ng bigas, mga itlog for their relatives, o sa --- manok. Meron silang

baon na para doon sa pupuntahan nila or might really be the consumption of the period that they would be in Manila to work on something.

Ang masakit diyan is wala na 'yan and they are forced to take the plane and they have to pay for the excess baggage. Wala na 'yan, hindi sila makadala ng saging, hindi sila makadala ng --- the usual culture of the Filipinos na meron talagang madala and even the consumption of rice while they are there.

So ang gusto kong malaman, when is the ship... I haven't asked... They're ought to be... Kasi dito kita mo ang hrap ng taga-Davao, pati dito na sa Eastern Mindanao, lower. They have to go to GenSan, nandito 'yang GenSan sa kabila eh. So it cuts across Davao del Sur down to South Cotabato. Doon pa sila magsakay.

So imagine the effort and the time, 'yung labor nila to be transferring one place to another. Eh sa mga barko naman, they are allowed a certain number of... Kung maibalik lang sana 'yun kasi hrap ang mga tao dito sa Mindanao.

So kung merong interesado na ano --- let them in. Maski ano, basta --- maski pareho ang ano, pero may madala ang tao.

Dito sa eroplano, alam mo na mga pobre. They are even afraid to touch there anything. Hindi naman sanay sa eroplano 'yun.

So that is one of my --- just misgivings going on sa present ano.

**SEC. TUGADE:** With the permission of the President, sir. There are two things --- two things which the Department of Transportation is doing or trying to do in relation to food, which is addressing the cost of food.

If you will review the cost of food, the major component of that is transportation.

Two things are being done by the Department of Transportation. Number one, which we have started last week, is to provide refrigerated containers for use by the magsasaka and the mangingisda para nape-preserve po.

Inumpisahan ko ho `yung refrigerated container una sa Tagbilaran. Once this business model works, then it can be done all over.

Immediately, I have a commitment already for easily mga 25 containers that can be mobilized 40-footer ho ito. Kasi `pag na-preserve ho `yung storage, then it can address also the additional cost and wastage.

Pangalawa ho, kakausapin namin lalo't higit `yung mga shipping companies.

Alam ko ho na `yung cargo component ho nila hindi naman nauubos lahat `yan. Kung magkakaroon lang ho ng special tariff para sa perishable, para sa goods, sa food na instead of `yung taripa ngayon will be dictated by market, dapat `yung taripa dictated by a tariff agreed together para makatulong.

Kung mababawasan `yung cost of good sa transport ng food, then mababawasan ho `yung cost of food dun sa merkado because you are addressing a major component which is the cost of goods sold, transport.

Pangalawa ho, dun ho dun sa Davao-Manila run. Napangako ko ho noon ng mga Oktubre, magsa-sale na ho, meron hong isang kumpanya, Chelsea Shipping. Inaayos na ho namin. Nag-bog down lang sila dun sa pagbili nung vessel na dapat ma-i-operate dito sa Davao-Batangas-Manila run.

Bago ho mag-Pasko, sana `yan ang ultimate, ultimate cap ko, `yung Davao-Manila run with Batangas will be in place.

Sabihin ko lang po kung mararapatin, nawala ho `yung ruta ng Davao-Manila hindi ho sa termino natin. Noong mga nakaraang administrasyon ho `yan, dulot nung tinatawag na `yung mga aksidente sa mga kuwan noon, mga lubog-lubog. Nawala ho `yan.

Kaya tayo ho, sa administrasyon po natin, sir, ibinabalik natin 'yan. At meron na hong kaming kausap na shipping company na willing naman mag-ambag para 'yang ruta na 'yan ay mabuhay ulit. Ito pong taon na 'yan, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Well, there was an incident that we think that was caused by terrorism, 'yung La Paz something? 'Yung namatay. It was really terrorism. I'm sure of that. [*Cabinet secretaries: Doña Paz*]

But well, that is the job of the law enforcement. Tatal may ano man ito.

Otherwise, I do not think that there's enough work for the maritime police. Wala silang barko, wala naman lahat. So they might as well continue with the vigilance and surveillance diyan sa mga pantalan.

There ought to be somebody there sa perimeter outside. Nandiyan pa 'yung Coast Guard and 'yung Customs Police, Maritime Police. P\* --- puro foolishness lang kayong lahat diyan. [*laughter*]

Now, if I ano talaga, nag --- I'm sad for my... Medyo malungkot lang ako bakit ganun. So maybe I'll...

If there's a need for me to reassure them, or if I can give something like an incentive to the vessel owners, you might want to schedule a meeting with them.

So tanungin ko sila what would be the most appropriate steps that we can adopt so that you can continue plying the route of Davao --- sa Batangas? Kailangan ng tao eh.

There's something there that is not for the people. And there's something wrong there. Ang airlines kumikita 'yan. Eh they have to go to GenSan.

But for the small Filipino, there's something terribly missing there. So we have to correct that.

I have to insist on correcting it because it is not good. It is not working to --- for the benefit of the people.

**SEC. TUGADE:** Sundin ko po 'yon --- susundin ko ho 'yung sinabi niyo, Mr. President. In fact, kaya ho napasok 'yung ruta na Batangas kasi nga to add profitability to the route. Ang sinasabi ho nila 'pag direct na Davao-Manila, baka kapos.

Ngayon, kung lalagyan ho natin ng insentiba 'yan o mga kuwan, baka matuloy ho 'yung rutang diretso, Davao-Manila. But I will explore that with them, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Yes, I think that bomb there sa Don --- was planted ahead sa fridge --- refrigerator.

But I said this can all be avoided if those guys there on the ground will start really working with their vigilance focused on danger.

**SEC. CUSI:** Mr. President ---

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Tatal wala mang makarga diyan kung ayaw nila.

**SEC. CUSI:** Tama po 'yung project ninyo na ibalik po 'yung barko --- ang biyahe ng barko, Davao-Mindanao to Manila.

Nawala po 'yan kasi po nung pumasok po itong low-cost carrier na bumaba po 'yung presyo ng eroplano.

Nung bumaba po --- dahil nilalabanan po nila 'yung sa shipping, hindi po naka-kuwan itong shipping, hindi naka-sustain. But that was the time na bumaba naman po 'yung airline rates.



Ngayon nawala po itong shipping na ito, 'yung rates naman po ng airline ang tumataas.

So tamang-tama po, kung maibabalik ninyo 'yan, mapipilitan na rin po kayo na ibaba 'yung presyo ng sa airlines.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Hindi, ganito nalang. Let and let live tayo kasi kung taasan ninyo masyado, malulugi --- mapipilitan naman ang gobyerno.

So we can always strike a happy balance there. It's not really intended for profit. But if you can help, just maintain the equilibrium there or wherever it is para kumita kayo.

Now kung ayaw nila, tawagin mo lang 'yung SWAG sa Navy, pabutasan mo nalang 'yung barko o... Bwisit. Kaawa kasi eh. Maawa ako sa taga-Davao na...

So that's why the international --- the terminal there sa overland punong-puno. Kaawa, tapos walang matulugan.

By the way, 'yung sa --- sino ba nito is appropriate? Sa iyo siguro, ma'am? Na 'yung kama 'yung... [*Unsa'y tawag nila aning y\*\*\*?*] Ang cot o --- may Bisaya 'yan eh. O 'yung ginagamit sa sundalo noon.

'Yun bang --- mura man lang 'yan, ma'am. Oo. 'Yung ano, 'yung sa --- nakikita ko kasi sa, pati sa Davao. Ah pinapatindig ko 'yang mga y\*\*\* na 'yan, mga lalaki pagka may bata. "Tumindig kayo."

Tapos nagbayad na, sabi ko, "Isauli ko 'yang pera mo." Para... 'Di, makaawa 'yang babae tapos ang nakaupo 'tong mga p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* 'to nakahiga. Ang mga lalaki...

Tapos ang gusto ko libre nalang para walang masabi. Ang priority is bata pati babae, matanda. 'Yan ang...

*[DOT Sec. Bernadette Romulo-Puyat shows picture of evacuation center in Marikina: "Sa Marikina." Sec. Lorenzana: "Evacuation center nila." Sec. Puyat: "Malinis."]*

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ah evacuation 'yan. Pupwede rin pero ako maski 'yung ano dito, 'yung Allen-Matnog 'yan diyan. So may mga --- while having to wait or 'yung may mga disaster, may mga typhoon, ang mga tao ma...

But this has to be given to an agency that would really take care of the beds.

And second is that huwag pasukan ng sindikato. Mahilig ang Pilipino diyan eh, na pagka-ganun, maghingi pa rin ng bayad, sabihin wala, taguin na.

Ganun 'yan eh. 'Yun ang dapat na isali doon sa statistics. 'Yung mga crowded places lang. It works hardships to...

Sinong maghawak niyan?

**SEC. TOLENTINO:** Idagdag ko lang po, sir, 'yung tanong niyo po kay Secretary Tugade kanina tungkol po sa mga tulay.

Siya po 'yung in charge na mag-coordinate po sa ating mga --- sa DPWH. The regional director of DPWH is here, sir.

Meron tayong not passable kahapon sa Kennon Road. Meron din sa Camp 5 sa Tuba at 'yung sa Dalton Pass. So na-address na po 'yun. Na-address na.

Meron pong pitong tulay sa Isabela at ilang tulay sa Cagayan. So I said, Mr. President, si DPWH nagko-coordinate sa Governor at kay Secretary Tugade.

So 'yung sa Quirino tatlong tulay. Passable na po 'yun, sir? Partially passible? Ah nag-overflow. Ganun din po sa Cagayan, 'yung Chico River? So 'yun po 'yung tanong niyo, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Pero si DTI, have you --- you are where...

**SEC. TUGADE:** Walang structural damage ho. Nag-overflow lang. Ibig sabihin, 'pag nawala 'yung tubig, ang assumption natin magagamit pa din.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** How about DTI sa presyo ng pagkain, sir?

**DTI SEC. RAMON LOPEZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. Actually 'yun ho talaga 'yung concern, so the day before at saka 'yung to this morning, the day after, meron ho kaming nakakalat pa rin na 'yung monitoring.

So ang summary ho nung report natin, 'yung supply ho supisyente, and therefore 'yung presyo hindi nagbago.

'Yung within SRP natin na nireport (report) nung Biyernes, 'yun pa rin ho 'yung presyo ngayon. Pina-check po namin this morning para nga ho... Talagang ito 'yung aftermath kasi baka mamaya --- within the day before, within SRP. The day after biglang tumaas.

So kalma --- ano ho tayo doon --- normal po ang presyuhan doon. At saka ang supply po kasi, isa rin pinaka-guarantee --- pina-guarantee namin 'yung the day before, kung supisyente 'yung supply in this area pa lang.

Ang talagang average hong imbentaryo ng mga produkto dito, two to three weeks.

Merong may mga kumpanya dahil para sigurado sila lalo na 'pag mal --- ganitong malalayong lugar, they even maintained two months na inventory.

So hindi ho talaga mauubusan ng stocks kahit na let's say merong nabarado na kalye at may mga stocks doon sa lugar na 'yun. So 'yun ho 'yung ginarrantee (guarantee) natin.

Ang kailangan lang po natin, boss, masigurado 'yung NFA rice, 'yung availability. 'Yung from the warehouse dahil nakakalat po ang ating murang bigas sa mga warehouse ng NFA, kailangan hong lumabas sa palengke para ho hindi magkaroon ng pag-aalala na may kakulangan dahil marami naman hong bigas.

'Yun na ho ang hinahanap din ngayon na siguradong present 'yung ating 27 pesos at 32 pesos na bigas. Ang kasunod ho naming tinututukan ngayon 'yung construction supply.

Iyong presyo as of today, walang pagbabago versus two days before, 'yung bago mag-bagyo. Ang doon po sa NFA rice, idugtong ko lang po nag-tekstan (text) po kami nila Sec. Manny kahapon tsaka ng NFA.

Para ho 'yung--- nilagyan namin ng additional outlet si NFA rice hindi lang sa palengke. Kinausap po natin 'yung Supermarket Association, 'yung sila Steven Cua. They can carry the NFA rice na mura, kailangan lang ng MOA.

So ibig sabihin 'yung tao natin hindi na pipila sa mga palengke. Pwede rin sila sa mga groceries, ito 'yung mga hindi malalaking supermarket 'yung mga regular groceries may association 'yan. So yun po 'yung isa.

Pangalawa ho, pagdating dun sa palengke. Hindi ho ba ang report sa atin nung mga nakaraan sa bigas pumapalo---dapat ang average ang regular at well- milled 39 pesos at 42 pesos, regular, well- milled. Ito ho 'yung commercial rice, hindi 'yung NFA rice.

Noong nag-institute po ng SRP si DA, nung nagmo-monitor po ang DTI, tumutulong ho sa DA sa pag-monitor, napansin ho namin na nawawala 'yung regular and well-milled. Parang lahat nung bigas nagsisimula sa mga fancy.

So ito 'yung forth --- kaya nakikita natin o mga kasa --- o mga consumer kaya ang nakikita 'yung 44 pesos, 45 pesos pataas up to 50 pesos.

Kasi 'yung regular, well-milled ang hindi ho naging available. Kaya ho kahapon ho dahil during the --- 'yung mismong bagyo nandoon ho kami sa Manila 'yun --- 'yung kino-coordinate ho namin ngayon with the LPCC pinakiusapan natin ang local government, itong mga Local Price Coordinating Council.

At saka ho ang NFA meron silang power mag-cancel ng lisensya nung mga grains retailer, 'yung mga tintera. Parang sasabihin ho natin, kung magtitinda kayo ng bigas at ang ititinda niyo lang 'yung fancy rice, ika-cancel namin kayo. Huwag na kayong magtinda.

Kailangan pag nagtitinda kayo meron kayong regular at well-milled para may available na mura, may choice ang consumer. Iyon lang naman ang inaano natin, parating may choice dapat si consumer.

Gusto mo NFA rice, nasa ibang outlet 'yan sa inside --- sa loob ng palengke. Iba kasi ang outlet nung mga commercial rice dealer at retailer. So pero kaya ho 'yon 'yung isang ire-require ho natin simula bukas. Iyong mga magbebenta ng commercial rice kailangan meron regular, well-milled, at ang presyuhan po niyan pwede hong bumalik sa 39 at 42 pesos. Kasi 'yan ho ang talagang nagpataas ng inflation nitong mga nakaraang...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Who's doing the checking here?

**SEC. LOPEZ:** NFA. Kami po tutulong with NFA and DA at saka the local government ka-partner.

Kasi si local government siya naman ang nag-i-issue ng mayor's permit 'no, 'yung mayor ho. Pagka-hindi sumunod 'yung mga retailer, anuhan na natin, i-cancel na natin 'yung business permit.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Maraming magawa ang governors pati mayors.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Opo, marami po eh. Kasi sila ho 'yung mayor's permit. Doon naman sa NFA sila ang nagbibigay ng license sa bawat grain retailer.

O di huwag din nating ano 'yun --- pwede rin natin bawiin to require the retailer to carry the --- 'yung mura.

Kaya nga ho 'yung para masunod 'yung SRP ng DA na 39 pesos kailangan available. So ire-require ho natin. Otherwise, huwag kayong magbenta ng bigas.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Well, basta ma-address lang kaagad.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Opo.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Do not allow it to linger longer than usual kasi mahihirapan na ang tao.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Dapat ma-implement ito.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** If there's a violation somewhere in the field, kailangan somebody should inform --- eh cellphone lang naman 'yan. And we will do something about it.

**DA SEC. EMMANUEL PIÑOL:** Sir, actually the price of rice is going down. From P2,004 per bag, in spite of what happened here, it's now being sold P2,000.

So balik tayo doon sa dating level. Kasi sir umaani na eh. The harvest has started. In fact, ngayon 'yung mga nag-import sir na naipit 'yung stocks,

nagre-release ng bigas kasi naipit sila eh. And sagana 'yung ani mo diyan in spite of what happened here.

So ang last na report sa akin sir from a high of 25, nasa 20 na ngayon 'yung bilihan ng palay. And from a high of a --- from a high of 25, Mr. President...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** What? Is that working?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** From a high of 25, Mr. President it's --- from a high of 25, Mr. President, buying price ng palay, it's now down to 20 even 18 pesos.

So rice has gone down na --- the price of rice has gone down. It's stabilizing, 2,000 pesos per bag ang release po ngayon sa merkado.

So ang bentahan niyan mga nasa 42. It's going --- it's going down because it's harvest season, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Let me ask you one question. How can we maintain the prices this low for all time?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Well, we have to make sure sir that during the lean months... What happened actually sir to us was during the lean months, the import rice --- imported rice did not arrive. And that's what what spiked the price.

I have explained this publicly, Mr. President, that there was no rice shortage. It was just an abnormal situation where NFA disappeared in the market. Speculator stepped in and increased the price of rice.

The importation was delayed. It should have arrived July and August. It did not arrive July, August. In fact, we're afraid, Mr. President, that the late arrival of the imported rice will now affect the prices of our farmers produce.

Iyan po ang fear namin ngayon. Mukhang babagsak na po ito, from 25 to 18 nalang ang bilihan.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** How can we hurry up the importation?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** It's already here, sir. It's already here, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ang sinabi ko kasi, Man, ay ako naman simple lang utak ko, if this is your warehouse, [*President Duterte explains by drawing*] kung may buffer stock ka dito...

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Abutin mo lang sa atip, dito, I want it something here. Tatalakainin mo 'yan, first ka --- first...

**SEC. PIÑOL:** In fact sir the EO that you will sign will solve all of this.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Pa-abutin mo lang ng ano para tatalakainin man. So instead of just be contented with this buffer number.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Raise it higher.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Sir, another good news. We met with... After our meeting sa Camp Aguinaldo, Senator Zubiri and I met with the sugar farmers, the sugar planters. They are supporting you. They are selling their sugar now at 48 pesos per kilo.



And they are saying that if the government wants to import sugar to bring down the price, they are willing to sacrifice na walang --- walang...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ang problema niyan kasi the fructose industry is booming also.

So it creates a pressure dito sa market. We cannot forever --- sabi mo, we cannot import, that would be a violation.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Actually, willing naman sila, sir. Sila nag-volunteer, sir.

Also, Mr. President, I would like to report to you that Secretary Del and I, now I refer this to Governor Mamba, when I went home on Friday, I went to Bukidnon and consolidated the vegetables available, fish for Zamboanga and fruits from our regions.

So we are ready now to airlift whatever vegetable would be needed in the typhoon-hit areas. Ready na po si Secretary Del, si Governor Mamba sinabihan na po namin. Vegetables, chicken if need be, prutas, na galing sa atin. We could --- we are working already sir with Secretary Del kung anong kailangan.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** 'Yung pomelo na ano na --- na-o-overripe na lang, karami doon.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes, sir. So kasama diyan sir 'yung ano 'yung manok kung kailangan i-airlift ng C130, ang gulay ganun din, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Let me... Is there anything still to discuss? Ay oo.

**OFFICIAL:** Mr. President, sinabi ko lang ho kay Bong. 'Yung NFA ho kung talaga susulbahin natin 'yung problema, sana ho magkaroon sila ng gilingan at saka maraming drying facilities para dun ho sa mga warehouse nila.

Kasi ho ang problema ho ng palay kapag kinukuha natin, sila ho ang pinakamahal bumili ng palay. Kaya lang ho wala silang dryer, wala rin ho silang gilingan. Pinagigiling ho nila sa labas 'yung palay nila eh. So kung ginigiling sa labas 'yung palay nila, ang bumabalik sa NFA hindi magandang bigas na.

So kung maaari ho sana, kung allowed sa batas na pwede tayong kumuha ng gilingan ng NFA, gumiling na ho tayo ng bigas natin tapos tayo na ho ang mag-distribute dun sa mga palay na binibili natin sa farmers.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Galingan?

**OFFICIAL:** Gilingan, boss. 'Yung gumigiling. Giling, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Galingan lagi eh hindi tayo magkaintindihan dito ang p\*\*\*. *[laughter]* Magkagiyera pa tayo dito.

*[Galingan sa Bisaya]*

'Yun ang tama ang akin. Ako ang nagpe-preside dito. *[laughter]* So tell me, is that feasible?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes, sir. In fact, NFA should have drying facilities.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Could you give me an estimate of the cost?

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Yes, sir, I will, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** And how many.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Right away, sir. I will submit to the office, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Can I have it in...

**SEC. PIÑOL:** In two days' time, sir, I will submit, sir.

**DOLE SEC. SILVESTRE BELLO III:** Mr. President, talking about 'yung NFA may problema ngayon diyan, Mr. President.

When I was talking with the DA people together with DSWD, dahil kailangan ng DSWD ng bigas, Mr. President. Sabi ko doon sa taga-DA, "O may bigas ka ba?"

Sabi niya, "Meron na po 600." "Anong nangyari?" In other words, Mr. President, may problema sa NFA, 'yung availability of the stock.

Eh ang problema yata, Mr. President, wala tayong leadership ngayon sa NFA because pagdating na pagdating pa lang namin ni Secretary Tugade, ni Art, tinitext na namin si Secretary Piñol.

Sabi namin, "Pupunta kami sa Region 2 to address 'yung possible problems ng pagkain doon because of Typhoon Ompong eh pwede ba make available to us bigas?"

Hindi sumasagot nung una si Secretary Manny. Sabi ko, "Bakit kaya?" And he finally called me, sabi niya, "Hindi ko hawak NFA."

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Babae lang. *[laughter]* Kaya wala tayong alibyo ngayon.

**SEC. BELLO:** Kaya nga, Mr. President, baka naman even for this --- even just for this season, itong Region 2 problem, baka naman pwede niyo ibigay muna sa kanya 'yung authority over NFA para maaksyunan niya agad.

Only for this ano, itong Region 2. Ito lang, Mr. President. Para maibigay agad 'yung bigas.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Sir, sino bang...? Pardon me, I'm not trying to... But sino bang maunang mag-retire sa inyo? Si Rolly o ikaw? Rolly? Kailan kaya, Rol?

**GEN. ROLANDO BAUTISTA:** October, next month na. October 15.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** NFA ano. Mabait 'yan si Rolly. In the meantime na hindi kita malagay sa Central Bank, pwede ka muna sa NFA siguro, to

rationalize the idiotic ditong... Para maplano, make it structural. Mag-retire na 'yan o.

**SEC. BELLO:** Pero immediate natin dito, Mr. President, ma-address natin. Only for this Region 2 problem para ma-make available 'yung pangangailangan ng ano.

**SEC. PIÑOL:** Siguro sir pwede naman ako magtawag sa NFA maski hindi under sa akin, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Anong araw ka mag-retire, Rol?

**GEN. BAUTISTA:** 15 October.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** 'Di bale. I-hold mo lang. Kung gusto mo, ipalit kita sa NFA.

Mag-usap lang tayo balang araw ng ano, ibang... In the meantime, kailangan ko kasi ng tao na... I've explained that time and again so I need not repeat it.

Nandoon naman 'yan siya. Huwag mo na isali 'yan.

**SEC. LOPEZ:** Hindi kasi ang tanong niyo po kung gusto ninyo ng ano 'yung mabilis na aksyon.

Ang... Doon sa huling data natin nung mga pumasok na import, kaya sinasabi natin may 4.6 million na bags ng bigas na nakakalat dito sa iba-ibang region. Pero sa Ilocos ho, may 14,000 metric tons. So times 20. Mga 280,000 bags 'yun.

Sa Central Luzon, ito 'yung mga kadikit ng Region 2. Kaya lang dito sa listahan, wala hong Region 2.

So ang ibig sabihin, pwede hong maglipat kaagad mula sa warehouse from Region 1 at Region 3. Kasi kailangan available 'tong murang bigas eh.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** That's the problem, I said, because there is a dearth of a substantial knowledge of where the rice is kung magka...

That's why I need somebody that I can trust at masabihan ko na, "fix that." So wala man akong ibang mailagay. Si Bautista muna. Alam ko ayaw niya 'yang magbenta ng bigas kay hindi man siya tindero.

So sabi ko na medyo pag-usapan na natin balang-araw 'yung... In the meantime, you have to help the country to rationalize everything there.

Kasi dapat at one time, may mapa ka saan mo i-withdraw, saan mo kunin kung magkulang dito, ganun.

And ikaw, I will maybe also purchase trucks para kung may ano, hindi na kailangan ang local government maghanap pa ng truck, ikaw na mismo. Kagaya ikaw, Gi, you have to maintain a certain level of inventory kasi at anytime 'yan eh, sunog, ganun.

**DSWD ACTING SEC. VIRGINIA NAZARREA OROGO:** Can I say something, Mr. President?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Yes, please.

**SEC. OROGO:** Yeah, right now, I think NFA promised 700 cavans, but --- and we also called the NROC in Manila. They're gonna send 10,000 food packs that will sustain already 'yung pangangailangan for this region 'no.

Pero we will still need to fill up 'yung stockpile namin ng 1,000. At least 30,000 cavan of rice, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Pero ako, I am decided na tariffication. Walang limit. Well, of course, you have to auction kung sino eh. Hindi naman basta lahat pumasok eh.

Kung sino 'yung who can bid the highest, doon natin ibigay sa kanila. I-bidding mo, Rol, public. Wala nang istorya-istorya. Kung sinong may gusto, may pera, mag-import ka. Import ka, sige.

That would really stop corruption sa --- 'yung quota-quota. Sigurado 'yan. Wala ka nang problema diyan except to know where the stocks are and where to get it at the earliest opportunity if there is a need to reconfigure the stocks, the inventories sa country.

'Yan ang --- 'yan talaga. That is the historical problem diyan sa... They started with 'yang quota-quota gaya ng sugar quota noon. Pag may control ang gobyerno, corruption 'yan.

And I tell you, again, for as long as there is corruption and we cannot improve on the law and order, we can never hope to rise even on the level of where Malaysia and Indonesia are.

To reach that level now, we would need about seven to ten years --- 'yung stability ng economy nila. I don't know why but kaya nagalit ako diyan because the first thing that I did was really to decide itong mga issue sa rice.

Kaya nagkaroon ng first time I ordered, ako 'yun. Sorry to say but they are not here. Nagkaroon ng ruckus diyan sa taas and I felt that Aquino was telling me the truth. Sabi niya, "Sir, magkakaroon tayo ng problema."

So I ordered. Sabi ko, "Mag-import ka na." Nobody knew it. Sabi ko, "Mag-import ka na, sige. Hayaan mo 'yan, ako na ang magsagot diyan."

So this time, wala kang problema diyan, Rol. Kasi i-auction mo lang 'yan, public. "O ito magkano? Ibigay mo. If you want to import, okay. How much are you willing to give government?" Ganun lang.

Huwag ka na 'yang sealed-sealed. Harap-harapan. I invite everybody including the media. Buti 'yan. Wala nang...

Basta 'yang may control, 'yang quota-quota-quota. Mapupunta lang 'yan doon sa mga mayaman na may koneksyon at may pera. Sigurado 'yan.

Ano dapat hinutuin na 'yan. We will implement the tariffication maybe next month. Good as any other time to do it because nandiyan ka. So we will --- just enforce the law, period. And allow everybody kung sino 'yung may pera. If he wins the bid, he can have it.

That's one way of preventing also the cartel kasi anybody. Eh kung dito magloko kayo, then I will allow the...

At saka kung mag-ano ito, I'm just also giving you the --- not really a warning but an advice that kung palagi ito na ganito and Mindanao continues to suffer, we are trying to avoid a war there from getting out of hand.

We have time and again been not fair to the Mindanaoans, the Moro people. And yet because of the fighting there, it has greatly reduced the supplies noon na... And added to that, 'yung magagandang lupa natin, ibinibigay na natin lahat doon sa mga multinationals. Most of the... Meron noon 'yung upland rice, wala na kasi naubos na ng mga DOLE, mga plantation.

I think that has to... We have to kind of do something about it. Otherwise, makain natin 'yung lata.

This has to stop somehow. Wala na, Mindanao maski anong makita mong prime land, it's geared to planting of other products other than rice.

We have to meet again siguro towards the month of October to reconfigure, together with Congress, there's really a need for us to re-examine the conditions. 'Yung rice, tapos 'yung mining.

Mining si destroying the land. Sinasabi ko sa inyo, you can borrow the chopper, 'yung ginagamit kong R44 or you can request the Air Force. If you go around Mindanao, it's parang tansan nga eh. 'Yung ganito, kita mo 'yan sa itaas. Itong takip nito, 'yung parang naka...

Those of you who have traveled Mindanao at low altitude, makikita mo grabe ang... And the soil erosion that goes to the sea and destroying the marine life. Somehow the country has to make a stand at least before next year of how to go about allowing...

Well, mining industry gives us about 70 billion in taxes. So medyo magdi-decrease 'yan, but then we will save most of our marine life, 'yung tributaries natin, 'yung rivers, there's --- tinamaan ng...

Eh kayo, 'yung mga sundalo, you have been to Mindanao, you have seen how Diwalwal is. Tingnan mo 'yung river ng Diwalwal, it's black. It passes through so many grids there.

And the color of the water is not even brown, it's black, and it goes out to the sea. Kaya itong supply ng marine life sa Davao Gulf is not that good.

They have to go out... Alam mo 'yang mga sashimi-sashimi natin? Hindi na 'yan ma'am dito sa --- they are not being harvested here. They have to go out to the Pacific, sometimes that sea between the boundary of Chile and...

Noon four days balik na 'yan sila eh. But this time, they have to build larger boats to accommodate more para sa ice and harvest more fish.

Aside from that 'yang mining, so palayo nang palayo 'yung mga fishermen. Eh 'yun pa naman ang kaya lang nilang iulam na walang bayad.

Buti dito sa Davao, kasi na-control na eh. Pero 'yung iba wala na talaga. We have to make a stand, either you are with me on this or I go solo. Pero basta ako ayaw ko na, it has caused so much destruction.

Yes, ma'am.

**DEPED SEC. LEONOR BRIONES:** I would like to very quickly go back to the issues of DepEd. First, I'm --- in behalf of all the learners and our schools, we thank you for working out a long-term solution to the problem which happens very, very often.

Because the delay is not only when classes are resumed, the entire school has to be cleaned up, sometimes the furniture is used for firewood, all the facilities are put under stress and thank you very much for finding a long-term solution to that.

Secondly, very quickly, Mr. President. We were looking at the extent of the damage just for Cagayan alone, on the school buildings 'no in Region 2. Aabot ng over a hundred million, 125 million.

Now, this will be happening every year and we'll be intensifying --- just for one region, how about the other regions? So we'll be spending more and more.

We are considering in DepEd the possibility of what is described as parametric insurance. We insure our school buildings and I understand it is so much faster than regular insurance. In three to four months, we are paid. Wala na 'yung maraming inspection-inspection.



If there is a disaster immediate payment is made and the costs would likely be much lower. Dahil every year we will be rebuilding, we will be repairing, parametric insurance ang aming kina-consider na alternative. Lalo na if matutuloy 'yung cash budgeting, we will have a smaller budget even for repairs.

So 'yun ang naisip namin. Kung i-insure natin 'yung mga buildings natin, and we're thinking primarily on DepEd, probably we would be saving on costs sa pag-rebuild, pag-repair, et cetera.

In the same manner that we are solving the issue of school buildings being used as evacuation centers.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Ma'am, I hate to mention this, it leaves a bad taste in the mouth, but...

**SEC. BRIONES:** Oo. Sa GSIS, yes.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** I would like to say something about itong purchases sa government --- procurement, that what ails the country actually, 'yung lowest bid.

The lowest bid has brought depredations and all. It's really a purgatory that somehow government must correct.

Ako, hindi ako sumusunod diyan sa sinasabi ko diyan sa COA na 'yan. Don't give me that s\*\*\*, lalo na itong materials sa --- ito, itong intelligence ganun.

I choose the... Sabi ko bili kayo, 'wag kayong pakialam iyang p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\*\* lowest bid, lowest bid.

But those are one of the things that has to be dealt with --- with candor. And talagang saan ba tayo dito? Kasi kung lowest bid, wala talaga. Hanggang diyan lang 'yan. Tatlong tao mag --- then they participate, i-dive nila 'yung lowest bid, but they come up with projects that are terribly, terribly inferior.

So there has to be a change. Well, a Swiss challenge is better than none. But how fast it can be done, that's a problem. So we have to perfect on that.

Next year, I am waiting for some guys, isa nga sana ito si Rolly, mag-retire. I will tell you something about my partiality with the military. It has nothing to do with the --- basta gusto ko lang masunod 'yung utos ko, hindi 'yung gusto ko.

I just want that my orders are followed because I'm here giving the orders. And if my orders cannot be followed, ay mag-retire na lang ako nito. What's the use of running a country na it's full of holes?

Even in the matter of --- I will create a body, a procurement... I said it leaves a bad taste in the mouth to say this but my father during Marcos' term was the first, sila, batch of Cabinet members.

My father was given the General Services. Bureau of Printing, Bureau of Supply, ganun, 'yung Bureau of Supply. Si Marcos mautak 'yun, eh talagang sayang eh.

You know, sabi niya sa tatay ko, "You... Matrabaho ito, but get something like..." 'Yung presyo lang, may international pricing lahat 'yan eh, whether tangke de giyera, or ship o submarino merong international price 'yan, mga tractor, Komatsu.

So mag-canvass ka lang. Then pag-canvass mo, everybody now, every purchase will pass that office, tignan lang nila, i-compare lang nila. So a difference of about three to four, that's commission, lalo na kung you have to ship it out from other places.

So ang aking advise is, by what is being sold in this country, lahat naman ng tractor nandito, klase-klase. Do not choose something that's outside.

Second is mag --- 'yang opisina na 'yan, mga CPA. Tingnan lang nila. 'Pag sabi nila itong price dito na binili nila sa province of Davao City, "overpriced ito." Then I can call you and...

Walang iba eh. So I have to canvass every price sa pati na butones. This will be a --- not really a superb body. Just a... Tawagin ko lang 'yan checks and balances. The Office of Checks and Balances. Lahat, lahat ng purchases ng gobyerno.

So malaman ko kung may nabayad, dumating ba o hindi. Para wala ng ghost deliveries, wala ng imbento ng mga SARO-SARO, wala na lahat.

I will not --- there has to be a system here. I think if I can just assemble about five simple men who are adept sa accounting and then of course sa audit --- it's very important --- we can survive. I'm just awaiting for the retirement of people from the...

It's not because of anything. Since anyway I am ready to assume any responsibility. Inassume (assume) ko na nga itong giyera na akin, might as well na... Since I assumed everything here, in the end, ako man 'yung mapi-prito, sabi ko this insanity of corruption must really stop.

Kasi maski anong klaseng sa gobyerno, carburetor o gulong, meron talaga 'yan. Maniwala kayo. Maski na ako noong mayor ako, sa watch ko, meron talagang nakakalusot.

'Pag hindi, p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* wala itong --- wala itong asenso. We would never see the light of day na mga anak natin. Free education na o free tertiary... Lahat na, nandiyan na. We are embarking on a no- billing.

Ako na ang magbayad sa ospital. Pero kung may iba na... Alam mo, marami talagang pera sa gobyerno. Nakuha ko 'yan kay Dominguez. Eh kababata ko 'yan eh, bright boy pa.

Sabi niya, "Alam mo, Rod, kung hindi lang talaga corruption, marami tayong pera. Pero nawawala sa ano..."

Ako, sanay man tayo sa wala ng pera. Pero pag-ibig marami ako, ma'am. *[laughter]* Dala-dala ko sa --- sa aking puso.

There is a --- there's an evolving story sa Itogon, Barangay Ucab, 43 persons doon, nag-collapse `yung church. Kailan pa ba ako mag...?

*[Bukas pa ba ako o ngayon na? Punta man ako bukas. Pakitingin. Oo, NOLCOM ata ang nandoon eh. Ah, General Salamat?]*

`Di bale, sir, kung may mauna lang doon, magpunta man ako bukas.

**GEN. SALAMAT:** Yes, sir. Actually, sir, nandoon sa Regional En Banc, sir, the commander of 503<sup>rd</sup> brigade, sir, closely monitoring `yung incident na `yan, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Well, kaya nga ito eh. Alam mo, sir, sa totoo lang, kung pinalitan ninyo `yung pari diyan, hindi magbagsak `yang simbahan na `yan. *[laughter]*

Bobo kasi itong mga pari. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*.

Akala ko nasa sa America ka?

**DND SEC. DELFIN LORENZANA:** Hello, Mr. President, there is a reason why these two provinces... There is good reason why these two provinces did not have any casualties today, this calamity, because of the active participation of the two provinces in training their people for disaster resiliency.

May programa po `yung NDRRMC under Usec. Jalad to train all the LGUs all over the country. Nag-umpisa `to two years ago ba?

And every year po para maging maganda `yung kanilang preparation, meron silang mga contest. And last time, ang nanalo po `yung Isabela. Nandoon ako nung tanggapin ni Governor Dy `yung kanilang award eh for the most prepared in disaster.

So nagbubunga na po 'yung mga ating preparation to make the provinces and LGUs resilient. Yeah, I think they deserve also commendation for what they did.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Thank you. It's a good mention. Congratulations. Consistently for how many years 'yan? I must clap, clap my hands. *[applause]*

**SEC. PUYAT:** Galing naman.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Get the beautiful girls first before the... *[laughter]*

**SEC. PUYAT:** Meron na, meron na 'yan.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** So kung wala ng iba, pupunta pa ako ng Ilocos. Same para walang ano --- equal attention. 'Pag bukas ako, sa bagyo, I will continue my...

**SEC. BELLO:** Mr. President, 'yung urgent matter lang po, Mr. President, tungkol sa NFA. Kung hindi niyo ma-designate si Secretary Piñol... Kaya ba niya 'yung i-release?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Action-action man tayo dito sa...

**SEC. BELLO:** So I can assure DSWD ng mga 2,000?

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Basta ga-guarantee ng Ilonggo nga ara na ng bugas mo, ara na, linte ah.

**OFFICIAL:** Mr. President. Mr. President, may suggestion lang po ako with regards sa NFA stocks.

Sana 'yung mga inventory natin ma-check mabuti and plus ma-avoid natin 'yung mga nasisirang mga rice. Sana may policy tayong first-in and first-out.

Kasi usually pagka na-stock lahat 'yung mga rice sa loob, 'yung mga nauuna parin ang nailalabas so nasisira doon sa loob. Yes, sana po 'yung first-in, first-out policy.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Somebody will take care of that. I think it's Bautista. He would know how to...

**SEC. PERNIA:** Mr. President, just one minute on the funds available for rehabilitation for the --- for this disaster.

There is a balance from the NDRRMC, it's either sa balance of 2.13 billion. And then to this can be added --- there's a con --- 13 billion, 13 point --- 13 billion contingency fund in the GAA, which requires your approval.

So 13 billion plus two billion, there's about 15 billion fund for this --- for the calamity that we --- that has been wrought by Typhoon Ompong.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Huwag lang ma-corrupt 'yang pera, sir, sabihin ko lang.

**SEC. PERNIA:** Yeah, so anyway, it requires your approval. The 13 billion requires your approval and the 12 billion is the balance from the NDRRMC fund. So that we can...

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Okay, move...

**SEC. BRIONES:** If I may join you in that conversation, Mr. President, perhaps the 15 billion would not only be for this calamity, but for the calamities to follow for the rest of the year. It does not mean we'll spend it all for Ompong.

**SEC. PERNIA:** That's correct. This is...

**SEC. BRIONES:** You still have many letters in the alphabet until the end of the year.

**SEC. PERNIA:** That's correct. So this is the funds available for the rest of 2018, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Malaki, pa rin. Secretary Roque --- Senator Roque, rather, can you add something to the discussion?

**PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESPERSON HARRY ROQUE:** Well, Mr. President, para po doon sa information dissemination, I'm happy to report na habang sinasalanta po tayo ng bagyo, halos lahat po ng Gabinete ninyo ay nandoon po sa NDRRMC and we conducted two Palace briefings from the NDRRMC premises. One at 9 o'clock in the morning at one at 3 p.m.

So I'm happy to report po na sa Gabinete, wala po nagkaroon ng weekend. They were all in NDRRMC informing the people about the latest developments. At ngayon po, kasama po karamihan ng...

Si Secretary Villar po, kasama rin kahapon. Meron lang po siyang personal matter but he was there for the two briefings yesterday and he was also in CAR the day before 'no.

At patuloy naman po tayo because we have to tell the people that government is at work at the height of the disaster.

So na-achieve naman po ang objective sa Facebook po. Record po ang views natin sa Spokesperson page at saka sa PCOO.

Ang sabi nga po nga pribadong media, natalo natin sa rating ang lahat ng media stations doon sa ating PTV-4. *[applause]*

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** P\*\*\* tsk tsk. Please do not forget to mention the handsome guys of the AFP pati PNP who are here. Albayalde and Galvez.

**SEC. ROQUE:** Yes, sir. *[applause]*

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** And si Rolly.

**SEC. ROQUE:** Tingin ko nga po eh 'yung rating po dahil sa kanila.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** Si Health Chair, okay naman dito. Everything is working.

**DOH SEC. FRANCISCO DUQUE III:** Yes, sir. Maganda ho ang performance ng ating Department of Health-Region 2.

In fact, very quickly, with your permission, Mr. President, on top of the 24 million pesos worth of prepositioned logistics, earlier, we already augmented in the amount of 6.1 million pesos and 2.8 million of that went to Region 2.

And then, also, we have deployed our 12 teams to do the rapid health assessment as well as the rapid emergency response teams.

Results of the assessment show that the five most common illnesses being experienced by our people in the evacuation centers are 'yung pong acute respiratory infection, hypertension, fever, we have acute gastroenteritis, and other infection.

And in response to these, Mr. President, ay ibinaba na po natin ang lahat ng mga gamot, antibiotics, and doxycycline because as I have warned my regional director, we will expect spikes in certain illnesses like leptospirosis, dengue.

And now we're doing close, very close surveillance 'no. 'Yun pong ating mga doktor, nurses ay binabantayan po, nagmamamatyag na siguraduhin maiwasan po ang outbreaks of typhoid, of cholera, of Hepatitis A, at mga iba pa pong mga sakit.

So nagmamamatyag po ang buong DOH- Region 2 at mahusay po naman ang pagbabantay.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT DUTERTE:** You know, sir. Good as any other time to say it but nothing beats hands-on.



Kaya I think that somehow, how inadequate it may be or it might be a vain attempt to do all, at least may ginagawa tayo and pretty sure it's a nice feeling of the people that we are here with them to help.

Salamat po sa lahat. Thank you. *[applause]*

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