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GUIDANCE OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE SITUATION BRIEFING ON THE AFTERMATH OF TYPHOON OMPONG

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Maayong gabii kaninyong tanan. Good evening.

I'd like to thank you for sharing this time with us. At this time, there's a disaster here. You have presented all the nitty-gritty. I need not really repeat what you have stated here. I was also briefed downstairs and on the way coming up.

So ang ano ko lang is... What's really the --- what's the gravamen --- what's the... Who's to blame?

Well, one is of course the inroads of civilization and the fact that mining has been operating in this country uncontrolled.

What's being done here is being repeatedly replicated in large areas of Mindanao, especially Surigao, Davao del Norte, and Oriental. We will have the same problem. They're all allied in the sense that there is no forecasting of what the weather will be for the next month, for the next week.

Well, scientists could give us an idea of the frequency of the weather disturbance or climate change. But they cannot give us the intensity, the precipitation --- how much of it will go down on the planet Earth and the concomitant consequences.

You know dito sa --- itong pangyayari na ito. Double whammy nga eh. You have the typhoon and the --- ang problema dito is the Philippines is at the --- is the window facing Pacific on the Western front. So every time that you have a weather disturbance, it's always water, precipitation, and it's a lot of it, and it goes down.

Ang problema dito, marami tayong --- well, the roads and everything but let us really just go to specific this time. Marami tayong problema. We have a problem with our mining industry. It has not contributed anything substantial to the national economy.

Though I must admit that we earn about 70 billion a year. And if you're ready to accept that as a good, as a profit, let us make it simple for the country, but in the end, how much do you lose in the process?

Diwalwal is a sad experience. The mining holes there, the door on the sides are the settlements, the habitation. And that is the problem. They're mining there and then right after, in their own backyard, there are the holes there that --- it's an open pit, sometimes it's drilling inside using explosives.

That mining thing has really contributed a lot of heartaches for the Filipino people. It is time for us particularly the DENR, General Cimat, to take a second look seriously now regarding the dangers of the open-pit mining.

In Davao, used to be na 'yung butas-butas lang sa bukid. But then, as any other disturbance that you caused in nature, the water there stays, the rain. The rainfall in Davao is quite ma-ano - -- historically it always rains during afternoon --- ganun ang Mindanao, Davao particularly.

So puno 'yan ng tubig, plus the fact that there is no more vegetation and trees to hold the soil together and the rocks and everything.

Typically they are just the mined over thing, logged over, o ano 'yung naiwan and ito 'yung mga illegal is 'yung minahan na tapos they take over.

And in Mindanao, as I am fond of telling people, if you travel by chopper and go low, you'd see a lot of tansan --- 'yung sa softdrinks na baliktarin mo, the cork. Makita mo 'yang parang maraming tansan na tinapon diyan sa forest or a second growth whatever. And it's almost endless because a lot of people are there in search for gold and money.

And to think even that I cannot give you an account, even though I was the regional chairman of the peace and order council for most of my mayorship days, 23 years.

I could not even given you the exact number of people who were killed there, fighting over the holes, the tunnels that they have built. Some are --- well of course to the strongest. Those who have the guns and the goons and that includes everybody, the politicians, the military and in Davao, you can see those guys, former policemen, who made it rich. But they have such a gory experience of killing people.

Because I'm --- they have this predicate. Kay kung magtanong ka lang sa akin kung ilan ang namatay diyan sa Davao area, magsabi ka lang singkwenta. Many of those young people in search for the greener pasture from the Visayas and Mindanao, all from Davao region itself going there to try their luck and then just disappearing.

Most of the idiot things that they do, if they quarrel over a tunnel, is that if it's a slope, they would just pour gasoline at sisindahan nila, knowing there are a lot of people underground. That's how cruel mining is.

I'd like to focu --- or tell you to focus on the 70 billion and the human side of the story of mining. Kaya dito, paano hindi sila ma-ano. It's mined over. I think there has been a lot of mining there and these mining companies sometimes leave a lot of impurities, chemicals, and all.

And they have not been really cleaning the place. Marcopper I think is still leaving a swath of poisonous material. I grieve for my country. And 'yung mga Cabinet ko pati --- and the military and the police know my sentiment about this. Kasi naawa ako sa bayan ko.

And if I were to try to do my thing, I will close all mining in the Philippines. Never mind about the 70 billion. Well, of course the Finance people are the ones who would object first and I can understand because they are the guys who are tasked to look for the money and beg, steal, or borrow diyan 'pag naiipit ka, basta as long as they can produce money.

But for me, as a politician for quite a time and until now and maybe towards the end, in a few years, ganun ang nakikita ko sa bayan ko, insofar as mining pati itong weather.

Ang problema dito, hindi mo talaga alam. They can make projections from satellite and all, readings from the --- they measure the heat of the oceans and the migration of animals indicating that there is a warming there and the loss of the marine life even, because they use chemical, cyanide.

And if you have been to my place, I'd volunteer to accompany you there. The stream where the grids are, 'yung makina nila producing the ores then to gold. It's black. It's not brown. It's not water clear. It's black. And those black water would find its way, of course gravity towards the ocean, the sea. And that is why 'yung productivity ng sabi na fish in Davao, 'yung tuna.

Don't --- I'd like to disabuse your mind. They do not catch tunas anymore. Big ones, the yellow fins, 'yung gawa sashimi or the blue ones. They are caught --- they have to travel outside, in the middle of South America pati ang Philippines. You have to go to Palau sometimes. You have to go to Indonesia.

One is that --- let me just give you a theory --- is our resources as a nation, both food and marine life and everything, cannot absorb or sustain the sheer population of the Philippines. That translates to hunger and hunger means health issues then education and opportunities.

Ngayon, dagdagan mo ng ganito. Ang tao maski na how dangerous it might be or it may present itself to the --- would always dare to take the risk because of the economy. Personal economics, pagkain niya. And the desire to make money because you have to send your school --- children to school. They have to eat and everything that you need everyday.

So we have a problem because every time there's a typhoon, it does not end there. Even the naming of the typhoon from the time it is spotted or discovered, until the time it reaches the area of responsibility, then you have the --- make fun of choosing names. It does not end there.

Once it hits areas that are --- well habitation is heavy, density and the fact that there are trap doors there waiting and dito sa bukid, it's mining.

So when you hear about a typhoon automatically lahat ng departamento sa gobyerno apektado na. It's not about mining only. Mining would just be there to watch.

But what happens next is something to reckon with. Death, decay, lack of food, water, shelter, health. Kasali lahat 'yan and it translates into --- sabi mo ngang damages, 14 billion. That's 14 billion. But then you have to rehabilitate everybody. The long-term is the ones that we give now --- water, food, immediately. But the schools remained occupied by the evacuees, so the children's educational system or the period is broken.

So it contributes a lot of things. Kaya itong sabihin mo, if you really want to --- you have to gather them and tell them straight, you cannot mine in your own backyard. And so everybody will do it and it becomes a place of habitation and when there is water, it goes down and because there are no trees anymore, it weakens the soil then suddenly 'pag napuno na because of --- you add weight. Nature counts the --- even the how many pounds of... 'Pag dinagdag mo 'yan diyan sa taas, including the vibration of the machines and everything, and the occasional explosion, which would shatter the structure of the soil itself. The soil itself it's fragile.

Putok-putokin mo 'yang --- anak ng... It loosens its grip with each other. And when it falls, it falls.

And if there are people in that town --- mining is just in their own backyard or in their yard, eh 'yan ang... Diyan na tayo nagkakal****-|****.

We have to... If we cannot end mining because there's a law --- and to end mining, it is Congress will have to abrogate the law.

Me, I think that we would need a rest --- a respite, period of inactivity diyan sa soil, and even the watershed.

Itong mga s*** na 'to, they are occupying even the watershed. Supposed to be... You know life without water is no life at all. And even the tributaries, the rivers and the creeks 'pag ang soil niyan pati plus the chemicals that you use sa --- patay ang isda. Ang tao walang pagkain.

They used to have fish and that was before when there was paradise as yet. But very early it came. You know I do not want to... I said it leaves a bad taste in the mouth.

Pero ako kasi may experience ako and I got it from my father. I have to mention this because it's prophetic. I was a lawyer and my father was governor of Davao province. Wala pa 'yung Davao del Norte, Sur, Oriental, Occidental, ComVal Valley pati Davao City. There was only one huge province, the capital was Davao City.

Once we visited Masara Mines and... Pero all of his humbleness, meron ding nalaman ako --- as every lawyer, a little of everything 'yan eh. You handle cases for mining, for corporations ganun --- that's the life of a lawyer. So he has a little bit of what it needs to be a lawyer. Though not a good lawyer basta if you survive as a practicing lawyer.

And he came --- became governor I went with him sa Masara Mines. And he noticed that even the cogon grass wala, it was bare. And he said to everybody who was with him including some municipal mayors who accompanied him sabi niya, "This place will be infertile for the next so many years." Tama nga siya. Nothing grows there. At noon crude pa masyado using cyanide and 'yung --- and until now it is being utilized.

Iyon ang sa mining because 'yan sa Diwalwal pati dito siguro, they are using cyanide and all. It poisons the earth, makes it infertile. You destroy the watershed, the source of clean water of the people living downstream, and you pollute everything.

So what do you get? Is it really worth the 70 billion that you get? I know because I had so many arguments with the finance people kasi it's a matter of correcting.

Pero itong mga minero, the rich one, parang their penchant to just violate the law. Because nobody was ever even arrested. You know even if the --- the thing is a continuing or a continuous series of violations, they are not arrested. They're just exposed by media, the enterprising ones. And the government would just call and investigate and after that, mawala.

Just like in any other --- 'yung sentimiyento ko ilabas ko na lang rin. Mga projects ng gobyerno. It starts with a big bang. May inauguration tapos ganun. Everybody is invited may mga singer pa ang p***** i**. Then six months after, it ends up in the desk of the Ombudsman. Why? Ah because of corruption.

So ganun, that's the reason why... Let me explain my penchant for getting military guys. I don't need them to work as president. It was not the military who placed me there, it was the people who voted for me, who gave me the mandate.

The military has specific --- the police have their specific duties. Nagtatrabaho lang kami. Now, if there's an aberration there, you want to change something, well that is for --- kung gusto ng military, gusto ng pulis, sige. You want to change? Oh well, if you have the power, you can do it. Or the communist would overwhelm us? They think they can and they are so stupid about it. They think that they can wage a war --- can wage 100 years of war and... We are now half, 50th.

Kami sa trabaho lang man kami. But you know my penchant I said for getting military people is because when I order them to do something, they will do it without a debate. Kasi kayong mga bureaucracy and I mean no offense to you, pag inutusan kayo, p***** i** makipag-debate ka pa sa akin. And sometimes sabihin na, "this is not because there's a law, and there's a circular ganun..." 'Yang COA na 'yan. Forget COA. Just do it.

Eh wala --- mag sige'g sunod-sunod ka ng COA, may violation ka, wala ka pang magawa. Di mas mabuti pang gawain mo tutal may violation ka na lang rin. Sila lang naman ang nakaalam kung ano ang violation mo.

That's the problem with COA. So I do not agree with that practice of yours citing circular-circular, then filing cases against people. I know that there are so many corrupt people in government. But it does not also excuse you from being a little bit discerning.

Na basta na lang circular and point out violation tapos kasuhan mo then you file a case and... Hindi yata... It's not easy to face a graft --- if that is case you filed in the Sandigan, you have to come here. I've seen a lot of people from Davao poor ones coming here with tattered barongs because they signed documents upon orders of the mayor.

"Wala man kaming magawa, sir. Municipal mayor lang ako, auditor. Eh may baril, sir, eh galit." So they are the ones naiipit tapos 'yung mayor na 'yung I****, he goes free. Ganun karamihan eh.

So mabuti pa military. Iyong sa DENR, so sila naman... Halos puro Ilocano na ito sila. Nandito ba tayo sa Davao o sa Ilocandia? Karamihan sila mga Ilocano na because most of them ang ating mga sundalo karamihan mga Ilocano at Ilonggo. Iyan ang fighting force natin.

Kaya nga Ilonggo sa Cotabato kill dito, kill doon. Kaya sila, sila 'yung mag-survive sa PMA, sila 'yung mag --- officers or whatever --- at saka mautusan mo. 'Pag sabi mong walang --- "gawain mo 'yan."

Look, let's be --- you know, it's just practical, if you have to do something, do it. But write the circular whoever, sabihin copy furnished Ombudsman, copy furnished Sandigan, ito 'yung position mo at itong gawain mo. That erases bad faith.

"Eh di bakit hindi niyo ako pinigilan? Di nag-TRO sana kayo?" I have a... Kaya sabi ko nung... I'll give you a case, sa Marawi. So when it was time to rebuild Marawi, I was looking for somebody whose --- who had the aptitude to do it.

So I called Del Rosario, si General Del Rosario because he was the Task Force Davao. And he's good, he's honest. I know because I know him. Sabi ko, "Ed..." Kasi I was presented with

ganito and the matrix was so convoluted, nandiyan Executive branch dito tapos dito liaison blah, blah, blah, dito supply, dito administrative. P***** i** sabi ko pag ganito sinunod ko, maubos 'yang pera, walang Marawi na...

So sabi ko kay Del Rosario, "tawagan mo si General Del Rosario." Pagdating niya nun sabi ko, "Ed, nakita mo 'yan?" Sabi niya, "Yes, sir." "Gawain mo 'yan." "Yes, sir." Oh. Kita oh kalinis. Tapos may questions about legality, sabi ko "hayaan mo na, sabihin mo ako. Ako na sabihin mo ako ang nag-utos niyan." Hindi man nila ako mahuli kay hulihin nila ako magtalon ako sa Pasig River hindi na ako mag... I will resurface in Masbate somewhere.

Boracay, narinig ko doon sige complain 'yung mga tourists --- tourist na mga pinsan ko na inter - -- mga Amerikano, puti na, who went there they complained "mabaho." And I remember during the campaign, I arrived at Boracay gabi na. I was crossing the island of Panay. When I was standing at the beach, naghihintay kami ng sasakyan namin, I was inhaling the air. "Baho mang tae ning p***** i** ni." Sige ako amoy.

And so when there were complaints already from the scientific guys and 'yung mga doktor ganun... Kung lahat puti lang magligo doon okay lang sa akin. T*** i**, bahala kayo. Sige maligo kayo diyan. You insist on --- go naked to the world and get all the bacteria there. Eh kung Pilipino, ibang istorya 'yan.

So sabi ko kay Roy, sabi ko, "Roy, fix the..." And also I ordered General Año pati si --- si DOT nandito? Wala. Sabi ko, "Ayusin ninyo." O ngayon, it's clean now but I say that you cannot really clean up a place with less than about six months.

I don't know. I leave it to the three of them. If they decide to close it a little bit longer. Hindi ako nakikialam sa trabaho eh. Alam ninyo 'yan. There was never a time that I called Roy, Attorney Tolentino or DSWD --- 'yon lang 'yung sa distribution sa... Eh kasi ang nandoon, ma'am, when they go there, I want to end this thing about politicians going there with firearms na naka-civilian.

So eh siyempre matakot 'yung taga-gobyerno na magdadala ka ng... That g***** s*** must end. I will not --- lalo na 'tong election.

And... Hanggang kaya ko lang, hanggang kaya ko lang I promise you, I commit to you that the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, and I will promise you a clean election. Walang partido-partido. Mas unahin ko 'yung --- unahin mo 'yung kapartido ko. Shoot him first para walang masabi.

But be sure to shoot the second one, the opponent also. Totoo, I will not allow anybody strutting around with an Armalite. Bawal talaga 'yan. And if you pass a checkpoint and you do not stop at sinalbahan ka, there's a warning shot... And if you think that you're a g**d*** big time mayor, eh kung mamatay ka, ako talaga ang magsabi, "I was the one who ordered it. As a matter of fact, I said it in Baguio. Shoot."

Ganun lang ang paraan para ma... You think I cannot enforce it? Tingnan mo pag may apat, tatlong mayor namatay diyan sunod lahat 'yan.

No way that kaming nasa gobyerno ngayon will take part in any cheating. I will never allow it kasi that ain't the way how to join a democratic government.

So ang --- dito muna tayo but we will have an expanded... I would need the experts. Maybe UP has some guys there. What we need really is a system, 'yung system for each department. Systems lang 'yan eh.

Now each department una --- well ang akin, ang trabaho is everytime there is a crisis, a typhoon, a calamity, it is the public schools who suffer because their place are being taking over for temporary shelter.

Each province ideally or city if we can do it, I will have to look for money but this is just how to end it. The only way how to end it is to spend for it, that we will have relief centers, sanctuaries na under the management of... I am quite satisfied with the... Asan si General Jalad? Where are you? Naiwan siguro.

Kaawa naman 'yung mama. Galing doon, takbo doon sa... If the congressmen are --- maawa naman kayo sa kapwa ninyong ano. Eh mahirapan, galing pa sa bukid 'yang mga 'yan

A system na... It should not be used for any other purpose except really for --- to absorb people in need of shelter. Fire. You must have one. And it must be able to --- self-contained din, there's water, everything.

Ah every --- maski every other or every four towns all over the country? Kagaya ng gym. Now if you go to Davao, meron kayo doong... Maybe you can copy it really. I am not boasting about it.

Sa Davao kasi --- hindi, sa Pilipinas --- pagka bumaba 'yang taga-bukid, mother, father, children, pagka nagkasakit 'yang tatay, bababa na 'yang --- sa ospital. Walang maiwan 'yan doon sa kahirapan. Dala-dala niya lahat niyang anak sa ospital. Doon magtira 'yan --- 'yang sa PGH. Diyan magtira 'yan sa mga trees, under the trees, kung saan-saan; and at the same time, expose them to the dangers of infection, tapos contamination. Kasi pagka sakit ng tatay tapos na, ang papalit 'yon namang nandoon na open especially children vulnerable. That is the very sad story of our life.

So ang ginawa ko noong mayor ako --- madali lang man 'yan. Hindi man ako naghihingi ng sarili ko ni minsan. Ni hindi nga ako tumatawag sa inyo ni minsan. Ilang years na ba ako? Mag-three years na ako.

I never called a single Cabinet ever since. Diyan lang sa opisina. Tanungin mo 'yan sila. Wala akong tinawagan niyan. Do not... Maggawa nga ako ng ano --- nagdala ako ng limang milyonaryo sa Davao tapos pinakain ko.

Pagkatapos pakain, sabi ko --- 'yung masarap na pagkain para talaga ganahan. Tapos dinala ko sila doon. I pointed out a vacant lot in front of the emergency sa Davao Medical Center.

Sabi ko, "Makita mo 'yung mga bata o." Tapos may nakita pa ako na lalaki nakahiga, 'yung isang babae doon karga-karga niya 'yung bata. Talagang matutumba na. Natutulog na eh. Tapos 'yung mga lalaki ang nakahiga, kaya --- siyempre mga lalaki. Kaya pagdating ko, sinipa ko lahat. "P***** j** kayo. Tindig kayo. Labas kayo diyan. Alis!"

Tapos sabi ko sa mga babae, "Sige, kayo ang humiga diyan. Kayo, diyan sa kalsada. Mag-dasal na lang kayo na masagasaan kayo. Tapos na ang problema ninyo."

Ngayon, kung... Ang aking ginawa is --- basta sa ano, hindi ko talaga pinapa-ano. Separate talaga, hindi family. Men and may --- iba 'yung men, iba ang women.

Tapos I built about 10 washrooms for the women and 10 washrooms for the men, separate.

Now tapos 'yung cooking, merong iba kasi halo diyan eh. As far as Maguindanao 'yung... Mga kawawa 'yung --- maawa ka rin talaga sa totoo lang.

Isipin mo rebellion. You might begin to picture something. Pero kung magpunta ka sa amin, maawa --- maawa ka talaga. Hirap na hirap rin na...

Kaya meron 'yan. Kung meron kayo niyan every other town or every... Ikaw, Man, dugay ka man gyud sa gobyerno. Eh matagal ka sa gobyerno eh. Mga typhoon-typhoon ganun...

DA SEC. EMMANUEL PIÑOL: Dapat sir identified 'yung... *[off mic]*

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Oo, vulnerable. 'Yun. Itong Visayas din?

SEC. PIÑOL: Mga historical data...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ang ano, ang --- ibig sabihin 'yung bahay 'yung --- hindi naman every municipality 'yung magastos. So...

SEC. PIÑOL: May historical data which areas are often hit by calamity.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah, sigurado 'yan. You cannot count it by the fingers of your hands. Samar is really the buffer. Leyte, Cebu.

SEC. PIÑOL: *[off mic]*

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Oo, itong facing the west --- the west side. Ah 'yung Cagayan, ito ngayon.

SEC. PIÑOL: Eastern seaboard.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Dito hindi masyado kasi China Sea dito eh.

SEC. PIÑOL: Eastern seaboard na 'to...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Nandiyan 'yung China. Ayaw makialam ang bagyo kay baka kanyonin sila ng... Ayaw ng China pakialaman ninyo 'yung China Sea. It's the western side that's --- where the most powerful.

SEC. PIÑOL: Eastern side, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Oh yeah, eastern side is the right. Your right --- your right hand is the eastern. Your left hand... Face the map of the Philippines, your right hand is the east. Your left hand is the west. Vulnerable tayo dito. Dito sa manggaling sa... The strongest typhoons in that area come from the Indian Ocean, hindi dito sa *[garbled]*, it's a protected --- ang halos eh, ang China Sea, West Philippine Sea.

Iyon ang system and the prepositioning of lahat na. Kaya bagyo pati na DPWH diyan kasi sigurado --- and the rescue. Wala man tayong ibang equipment. We have to call on DPWH to extend a helping hand.

But what is very important is just what I did the last time. Was it the other night?

Sabi ko na ano, I was... Andiyen si Bello pati nandiyen si Tugade. Sige tawa-tawa. Sabi ko, "Punta kayo doon sa inyo. Tugade, you have never been seen by... I do not think you come from Cagayan Valley. You are maybe Maranao. You have not been there. You go to your province and watch for the typhoon."

Ah sinali ko na sila lahat. Sabi ko, "Roy, uwi ka rin doon sa ano." So during the typhoon, they were reporting to my conduit, si Attorney Tolentino. So I had a good information. At least...

But I was keep --- counting sa body bags ang nasa isip ko, ilan. Buhay eh.

So 'yan ang ano natin, preposi --- wala tayong iba except to prepare. We have to prepare because there will be flooding, aside from the strong winds and the flying debris.

Wala 'yun. Iyong problema, mas... Plus ano ka talaga, plus two ka diyan. The damage done by the idiot typhoon --- sinong pangalan noon? Sarap sampal --- paki-sampal nga kung makita mo 'yung ulol na 'yun.

Tapos you have to have the --- 'yung health. Kasi when people crowd, you know very well that it's very conducive to contamination. Kaya at first ano pa, nandiyen na 'yung med --- medical ano.

The first sign of outbreak ma-ano na kaagad ng... Karamihan diyan mga pulmonary, ubo dahil sa ginaw. Maawa ako sa mga bata.

So we have to improve on something like clothing. Mag-stock ka talaga. Alam mo, marami diyan. Try mo lang si Sid Lapeña, General Lapeña sa Customs. Puntahan mo. Sabihin mo, "Lahat ng ukay-ukay mo, sabi ni Rody, ibigay daw sa akin para ma-ano." And divide it and see to it that there...

Alam mo, I'm not... You watch out for pilferage. DSWD is noted for that. And even there's just one TV network na kunwari may ano sila, accepting donations, ganun. You know, I --- I'm a living witness na 'yung mga empleyado nila sa Davao pinipili 'yung pwede pa.

Kaya hindi ako --- wala akong respeto nitong mga *[garbled]* ito. Saan na kaya 'yung mga pera na...

Ako na mismo nagsasabi sa inyo. Nakikita ko eh. Kasi may TV program ako noon every Sunday. So 'yung lahat ng donations nandoon. Nandoon 'yung mga matatandang empleyado na sorting out. Mga basta 'yung ganun na pilferage. Better...

Cameras can help. You have so many cameras, you can have one guard. Long as the guard is not also in cahoots. You have to...

Mas kumportable ako sa babae, na babae na utusan mo kaysa lalaki. Iyon. We'll just have to adopt a system. Early forecast that's been taken care of by modern technology so we are quite confident that we would be posted all along, every detail.

Ang reception ang mahirap. 'Pag hit talaga ng landfall, it's a --- that's...

SEC. PIÑOL: We also need to consider the dredging of our major rivers.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Iyan isa pa, 'yung siltation.

SEC. PIÑOL: *[off mic]*

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: You know, Pasig, there was a... Iyon, it starts with a press con tapos with so many different speakers, starts with a big bang. The dredging of Pasig.

Ngayon, 'yung tugboat ko na sinasakyan ko 'pag magpunta sa opisina, hindi na makagalaw kasi tumatama na sa sandbar.

"Siguro," sabi nila, "Sir, magbili tayo ng rubber boat." "Okay man, basta hindi lang tayo mabasa."

The siltation is a --- and you need a... I don't know. We'll not go into so many --- do not go into -- to ramble on so many things. Magsakit lang loob natin dito.

So ang akin ito. I'm really sorry. Governor, Mayor, that you have to suffer this kind of crisis. It happens. Iyon nga eh. Always remember the Murphy's Law. If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong. Sigurado 'yan.

So kung wala na kayong question, hindi na ako mag --- kailangan... You know the figures. Basta ang akin lang dito is what we can do about --- wala tayong magawa. Alam mo bakit?

Ang Pilipinas hindi nagkulang ng contribution sa climate change. May mga tao dito sa gobyerno. Climate change sa Melbourne, nandoon. Climate change conference sa Tokyo, nandoon. Climate change sa South America, sa Brazil, nandoon. Climate change sa ano, Netherlands, nandoon.

Pagdating ng bagyo, ang mga p***** i** walang ginawa kung hindi manood ng TV. Stop this practice of... Saan ba si ano?

Climate change-climate change. Walang nangyari. Eh talagang walang --- nobody's heeding the caveat. Eh itong America, itong Europe, Russia, and China, may sarili na silang schedule nakaganun eh. Forecasted na 'yan sa economy. They will increase their GDP something like that.

Eh hindi mo pwedeng babaan 'yung production nila. Ikaw, they will allow you but parang ganun. Hindi 'yung mag-sirit ka tapos...

So we can never really... Kasi kung magtaas sila, taas ka. You're allowed. Kung malaki ang kanila, they would also allow you a bigger footprints, carbon. Unless there's really an honest-to-goodness. It's all conference. Nothing. It's all gasto. Iyong nagpunta ng 11 times, sabi ko, "You resign. You resign."

DOE REP.: Mayor, sir?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes?

DOE REP.: Yes, sir. Medyo nadala lang po ako doon sa pictures about the landslide. We would just like to report from the Energy family na 'yung pagpasok po ng kuryente while we are doing the rescue operation, may dalawa pong points na entry.

Iyong isa po na-energize na po ng NGCP. I'd just like to inform DPWH, OCD, the local government units here na nandoon lang po 'yung mga tao na Benguet Electric Cooperative 'no, para kung makakatulong po 'yung paglagay ng ilaw o ng music man lang para sa makarinig pa 'yung mga sinusubukan nating ma-rescue. At least we can give hope.

And secondly, sir, on the system, we would like to thank you, Mr. President because you signed Republic Act 11039, 'yung may emergency fund for electric cooperatives.

And NEA Administrator Masongsong is here. We are in the process of doing that IRR para mas malakas po 'yung mga poste natin at mas malakas 'yung resiliency.

And on September 19, magmo-mobilize na po 'yung Region III electric cooperatives para tulungan 'yung northern --- northeastern electric cooperatives para sa restoration and naka-schedule na po ito lahat. So sa huli po, our last point, we'd just like to remind everybody of the safety at nakikiramay din po kami doon sa mga nasalanta.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Iyong nirereklamo ng mga tao, 'yung pagkukulang niyo, is it addressed to your agency or department and are you in a position to add --- maybe solve it?

DOE REP.: Pagkukulang po saan po specifically, sir?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: So what? What --- What's the shortcoming? What's the...

DOE REP.: We are trying to address the putting of kuryente, power.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes, that is your area.

DOE REP.: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Do you need anybody --- anybody's help to do it? Or somebody else's equipment and all of these things?

DOE REP.: Sir, I already informed Secretary Villar na kadalasan po 'yung access po ang kailangan namin pagtulungan para ma-connect po 'yung linya doon sa gateway kung saan lalagyan 'yung kuryente.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yeah, if you have to talk to other officials and hindi mo --- mahirapan ka kasi sometimes they are busy, sometimes they just don't bother also because of so many things to do, nag-pa-pile up, you can call Attorney Tolentino.

Si Francis, his job is only to orchestrate, to direct. And he will report to me that you called and that his response was that. So that I would...

Ngayon, kung walang gawin, 'di si Francis would tell me na, "Walang nangyari dito." Then I'd call the Cabinet member. Usually one-on-one 'yan.

So sabihin ko, "Ano ba talaga problema nito?" So I do not ask questions in public. Rather, hinaan ko lang, "So what's the problem? What's taking you time to give the solution?"

DOE REP.: Actually, sir, minobilize (mobilize) na po natin lahat 'no. There will be 20 [gangs?] na --- may galing pa South Luzon sa NGCP para ma-konekta ho 'yung transmission line.

Kasi 'yung power line --- 'yung power plant wala naman pong problema. Iyong access po minsan ang nagiging issue. So meron naman pong dine-deploy na mga kagamitan ngayon tapos 'yung last mile po, lalo na sa kabundukan ng --- sa Apayao, nandito si Governor, Kalinga. Iyon mahirap maabot. Access po ang nagiging problema para ma-connect 'yung wire papunta doon sa mga bahay.

So dahil po diyan, nagtutulungan po 'yung mga electric cooperatives. At 'yun nga po, when we need the other agencies para makuha 'yung access points 'no para maabot 'yung mga poste, para ma-haul 'yung mga kagamitan, tatawag po kami kay Secretary Tolentino.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Francis can always hope that by calling the governor or the mayor... Sabihin lang niya, "Mayor, you... Kindly do this coordination." Basta may system lang tayo. But ako kasi --- ah I have so many...

Francis is just there to orchestrate. That's the system, then he can connect you with the proper -- and maybe promise you result.

Kaya naman tayo dito. We are government workers and we are here to serve the people. Period. So trabaho man natin 'yan, then let's do it.

Any other comment? I'd like to --- kung wala na, commend first the local officials. Mayor and the governor for their splendid cooperation.

I'd like to special mention 'yung --- the Armed Forces, the Army who are there still doing their toil to help the people. At lahat tayo dito sa departamento who took the pain of coming up here. Sana magpunta ako doon pero ulan man.

I said I had a hard time negotiating to penetrate. We're looking for a opening sa clouds kanina. Wala eh. So nagbalik na naman kami, tapos sakay. But anyway, kung... Yes?

PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS FRANCIS TOLENTINO: Sabi nga, you should be the one who should be commended for your efforts in going to the --- all the typhoon-stricken areas. *[applause]*

Kayo lang po gumawa noon, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Lalaki lang ang atay ko niyan. *[laughter]* Trabaho lang tayo. I've been a worker of government.

You know, I was a prosecutor for nine years doing trial work. Then I was a vice mayor to my daughter and a vice mayor OIC for one year. Then I became mayor for 23 years. Ngayon lang ako naka-receive ng palakpak dito para sa bagyo. *[applause]*

Mga --- itong mga Bisaya talaga walang... Hindi, biro lang 'yun. Trabahante lang talaga ako. I've been a worker of government ever since.

So 'yun lang. I have expressed some sentiments there. It's about mining. Kasi talaga maski sabihin mo ano, the best way is to... If there is a mining area, we do not allow habitation there.

We estab --- you can... Maybe Roy can establish a parameter, about five kilometers away or two kilometers away where you can build your houses.

Pero kung magkutkot lang sila diyan sa malapit lang rin sa bahay nila, patay. Kagaya ng Davao 'yan. You've been there. Na-assign ka doon. Na-assign ka ba doon sa...? Gabi lang kita nakikita sa Davao City. Davao --- Davao del Norte 'yung opisina mo, kampo mo.

You know, that's a tragedy that has been happening and happening, and happening all over. Surigao, Davao del Norte.

One day, sabi ko, I will just have to confront Congress. Sabihin ko talaga sa kanila na, "We have to close the mining industry or better still plan a period then give Mother Earth a respite of the continued and endless digging."

Walang mangyari diyan. Kawawa ang Pilipino.

SEC. PIÑOL: Mr. President...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes?

SEC. PIÑOL: Sir, as things unfold now, Typhoon Ompong could be recorded as the second most destructive typhoon in recent memory for the country.

Yolanda was the most devastating. Damage to agriculture was 35 billion. As it is now, damage to agriculture by Ompong is 14 billion.

Sir, I would be unfair to the people who have been relaying these sentiments to me. Your leadership actually, sir, saved a lot. Your decision to call us to that meeting on the eve of the typhoon really did a lot to prevent loss of lives and even property.

Sir, the people would like to... Sa Facebook page ko kasi, sir, marami nagko-comment, "Please tell the President we really appreciate his personal involvement in the preparation."

And even now, sir, we are not complaining, Mr. President, that you would call us at 3:30 in the morning to report to Villamor. We would like to express our deepest appreciation, sir, for your leadership. And the Filipino people are thankful for what you have done under these circumstances, Mr. President. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Pareho lang tayong lahat, sa totoo lang. If you were in my shoes, presidente ka, you'd do the same.

Iyong sa Facebook ako interesado. Sino 'yung maganda doon? *[laughter]* Tingnan ko raw. Sige, iganun mo.

SEC. PIÑOL: Ito, sir. Asa didto, sir?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Basta 'yung maganda, i-ano mo, i --- 'Di ba lalabas ang mukha niyan?

SEC. PIÑOL: May nakita din ako, sir, maganda kahapon eh.

Sir, but you know, honestly, we're not trying to disparage the performances of previous presidents. Pero, Mr. President, ito 'yung first time. Pre-disaster, right after the typhoon, ito, bukas Isabela ka na naman.

The Filipino people, sir, are very thankful for what you're doing. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Sabihin na naman nila misogynist ako. Because I'm inspired by the beautiful Filipina.

Lalo na nito, pagsabi sa Baguio maraming maganda. Ah, akyat kaagad tayo para --- Tarry not a minute longer. Pero sa totoo lang, it's... Seven thirty...

DENR SEC. ROY CIMATU: Good evening, sir. In view of the unfortunate incident that happened in Itogon yesterday --- Itogon, Benguet --- and to prevent further danger to the lives of our small-scale miners and in consistent with your instructions and directives to me about mining, I officially ordered cease and desist of all illegal small-scale mining operations in the whole of Cordillera Administrative Region. *[applause]*

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Good. Very good.

SEC. CIMATU: At present, there are existing applications for Minahang Bayan in some areas of the region. While we await for the approval and proclamation of these applications, we ask our small-scale miners to please cooperate and fully stop all small-scale mining related activities.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources will be sending men from the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police, part of our task force to effect mandatory --- to affect the implementation of this directive.

And for those issued temporary small-scale mining permits for 10 associations composed of about 500 members, more or less, the same are hereby being revoked.

That's all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes, Mayor, go ahead.

SEC. TOLENTINO: Mr. President, one minute, for those who will be displaced, the Secretary of Social Welfare, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Public Works, the Secretary of Agriculture, as well as the Secretary of Natural Resources provide --- consulted each other and laid down the ground work for emergency employment assistance, and livelihood. Secretary Orogo will explain some parts. Including the DTI.

DSWD SEC. VIRGINIA OROGO: Yeah. I think, Mr. President, we will all converge together so that we can help. According to the report this morning, there are about 12,000 miners in the entire Cordillera.

So we will be sitting down together and work on this and plan how are we going to --- while the mining industry is still in closure 'no.

So we will try to help those people who will be displaced just like what we did in Boracay.

Thank you.

BAGUIO CITY MAYOR MAURICIO DOMOGAN: Mr. President, we do not like to let this opportunity just pass without expressing our gratitude to you.

I confirm the statement of Secretary Piñol, with what you have done with your Cabinet, that they --- we altogether coordinated.

This is the first time that the President of the Philippines immediately after this kind of calamity came to us down to earth touched not only those who happened to be the victims, but to all of us Cordillerans.

So in behalf of the RDC, the Regional Peace and Order Council, the different local government units, maraming, maraming salamat. *[applause]*

Talagang abnormal po 'yung rainfall na binigay ni Typhoon Ompong sa amin. Iyong briefing ni Director Carandang, 'yung average rainfall for September, 560 millimeters. Ngunit 'yung Saturday na 'yan, umabot ng talagang abnormal volume of water na talagang it really caused us a lot of damages.

So our words are not that sufficient to say thank you and we will continue to work and support your administration. We have taken with the different Cabinet officials the concerns of all the involved parties a while ago because of your direction.

They can possibly report to you of what we had taken up in relation to the rehabilitation, to the plight of those victims, the miners, the livelihood.

The City of Baguio did suffer 133 million damages and I had given to Secretary Villar the listing of the damages.

The other local government units had likewise submitted their report, Mr. President, to the concerned agencies.

So again, maraming, maraming salamat, Mr. President. *[applause]*

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Let me be very candid with you. Wala ho kaming usapan. Kahapon, I specifically called out names to be there during the happening --- when it would hit the Philippines. Iyong kinabukasan, nandoon po ako sa --- kami --- sa Cagayan. Iyon lang po 'yung panahon na... But limited Cabinet members. But that day, dumating almost all of significance to the event sa typhoon.

And sabi ko lang sa kanila bukas magpunta ako dito sa Cordillera kasi nabigay ko naman 'yung instructions. I did not expect really to see you again dito.

But thank you for --- if you feel like being with me all the way. I think this is the last... Well, insofar as my office is concerned, everything ---and another typhoon would come up.

Pero wala talaga. With all humility, I did not expect na mag --- I just wanted to condole and to go there and to see what I can do. But hindi ko kayo... Remember, I never even invited you to --- just to tell you the truth.

Kung nandito kayo, it could only mean one thing. Ano kaya 'yun? Senator Roque, can you respond to my... *[laughter]*

Senator Villar and Senator... Ah sabihin na natin ang totoo. Gusto man ninyo. Senator Tolentino, this time you will win.

But huwag lang 'yang typhoon. Ibang disaster lang na ---- mga minor-minor diyan. Huwag ito because it involves lives eh. Nakaka --- it's unsettling to one's spirit, to one's soul. Iyon lang man siguro.

Ah, ito. Si Nick Faeldon, he's expressed his desire to run for governor, Mindoro? Governor Faeldon? Do not --- do not be shy. We will talk about it.

Si Senator Albayalde, pang 22 ito. *[laughter]* Pati si Año. Oo. Tingnan mo. Ako, sabihin ko sa inyo? But there are 12. Twenty four 'yan. You guys, kayong Pilipino, makinig lang kayo. Kung --- if you want an advice, have some military men in... This year.

I don't know. Dito, Executive kasi legislation eh. Pero 'yang sa trabaho? I'd rather choose a military man. 'Pag sinabi ko, "Punta ka doon trabaho..."

Kaya si Roy, can I repeat the --- my observation, Roy? General? Nung sabi ko nung sa Boracay, sabi ko, "You go there and you fix things. I'll give you six months." Then I also told General Año, "Tumulong ka na, sir." And so Berna. Sabi ko, "Ikaw, ikaw ang maingay diyan. Sige. Tatlo kayo."

So the next day, I think General Cimatú went there. Tapos the following day, front page. Nandoon na nga, ano na, on hands na. Naglalakad sa beach.

Eh masyadong close up 'yung picture. Naka-t-shirt itong si General, naglalakad, may kasamang dalawa. Pero doon sa tabi niya sa picture, may nakitang dalawang puti na naka-bikini.

Makita mo talaga 'yung mata ni Cimatú nandoon sa.... "Akala ko ba inutusan kita doon? Huwag ka sige tingin-tingin diyan sa mga..."

It can be restored to its former glory but remember this, Boracay can only hold so much.

Habitation, people. Even 'yung sa likod sinadya ko 'yun. Kasi kung hindi ko i-land reform, kukunin ng mga mayaman. Somehow they'd be able to...

Marami --- 'yung iba diyan taga-Davao pa 'yan, mga opisyal pa sa gobyerno. How would they able to get lands there is really a question mark because historically Boracay has been categorized as a forestal land.

Tapos sometime, I think during Magsaysay. Meron na ano doon agriculture. But it was limited to the other side.

So 'yung ako ngayon, with Boracay, mas maraming magpunta diyan kasi mag-ganun, mag-cottage ang mga mayaman. But they do not have the water treatment equipment also. Just the same, they will continue to pollute.

So Boracay is so small, it's a curved one. It can only accommodate so much bacteria and germs. Beyond that, 'di kaya. So it's really a fragile...

Ako sa gobyerno, if Congress would like it, hindi... Ako pa sa kanila they would sell it, slice a portion there for commercial tapos ipagbili nila. Then to the highest bidder.

And rice, it's coming up. I'm expecting it tonight. You know, as long as we control importation sa rice, there will be corruption. Iyong quota-quota, corruption 'yan. Sigurado 'yan.

So I said this time, anybody can import as long as we build a certain inventory. Sinabi ko kay Manny, "If this is the roof, ang inventory man dito, isagad mo. Tatal bitawan mo rin 'yan, you can compete it." Eh kung mura, marami naman bibili talaga ng mura eh.

Sabi ko, wala ng --- wala ng ano. And I'm also looking at other things. The more restrictions that you introduce sa powers sa government, the more wrongs will happen. Sigurado 'yan.

DTI REP.: We sit in the NFA council. So, sir, we have proposed to the council na sana 'yung importation that the MAV that is given to traders, sana sir if we can impose importation of the lower priced rice.

Kasi, sir, kung 100 percent 'yung import allocation and they import all fancy rice, wala ring murang bigas na mahahanap. We have been monitoring in DTI, hinahanap namin 'yung regular and well-milled rice, sir.

Hindi naman namin makita, so we said our position na 'yung DTI, oo nga we have supply, marami tayong bigas na imported pero walang murang bigas, sir.

So sana kung pwede if we can impose na open to all 'yung importation, sana they will be required also to import the cheaper rice, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Tayo na lang. Ibaha na lang natin. 'Pag bili na lang tayo. Itong sabihin mo, "Eh kung mahalini niyo, 'di I will flood the market with ano..." Kasi kung maraming ano talaga, maraming lusot eh.

O tayo na lang mag-import ng mura. Sige, hayaan mo 'yung imbentaryo ninyo diyan. O tapos bahaan ko 'yung ano. Import... Ilan lang man mayaman dito na...

Kami sa --- kami nga 'diyan sa Malacañan, sa totoo lang 'yung may pagka-brown rice kami. Ano kami 'yung puti na paminsan-minsan lang man dumating 'yan. Totoo.

DTI REP.: *[off mic]* to our Philippine International Trading Corporation, sir, to assist NFA and then we will bring this in sa mga retailers, sir, to be sold as cheap rice. I mean lower priced rice for the consumers.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Madali lang man 'yan. Sabihin lang ng mga mayors na, "Huwag ninyong i-display 'yang mahal."

DTI REP.: Lyon rin, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah. Depende, Mayor. Ako ganun ako. Mayor pagka-ganun. Puntahan ko na. "Hoy. Huwag mong... Taguin mo 'yan."

Pagka obedient ang tao sayo, 'pag mahal ka ng tao gaya kay Mayor Domogan.

DTI REP.: We have initiated efforts also. We have instructed our regional directors to tell the share of the local price coordinating councils, sir.

If the mayors can revoke business permits of rice retailers who do not sell regular and well-milled rice and not to grant applications to retailers who do not undertake to sell regular and well-milled rice, sir.

So if it can be an order from the President without need of the DILG, sir or the LPCC, all mayors will have to follow.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: No. Ganito 'yan. The President shall be the last. It should be addressed by the locals muna, if they can control. But I think that a mayor worth his while can do it.

Kaya sabihin mo do not prejudice the people. That is for public interest. You can always invoke public interest. At huwag mong pahirapan ang tao. Papahirapan mo ang tao, p***** i** mo papahirapan kita. Ganun lang 'yan.

Unless those mayors are... Marami diyan na mga --- marami diyan mga idiots na wala naman doon sa ano nila, especially Mindanao. Wala... Nandiyang sa Maynila sa Greenhills pati... Diyan nakatira 'yang mga 'yan. They visit the city or municipality once in a while.

Kaya I really... But this would be an alien to this... How we could really improve unitary versus federal system if there is no change in the culture of the Filipinos. Dumaan talaga, kailangan ng spasm. Iyong... Kasi ganito na, ingrained na kasi sa tao 'yung ano, 'yung penchant.

Every transaction sa gobyerno ngayon maski maliit, maski stapler o maski gulong, meron talaga 'yan. But anyway, kung konti-konti lang, okay lang 'yan. But when you f*** with rice and other itong essentials na ano, diyan ako nag-init. Pero 'yung culture of corruption...

Unless that's a big question. And that is for... Hindi tayo mag-answer niyan. Not now.

MAYOR DOMOGAN: We will closely coordinate with the DTI Regional Office, how to do... As we said, please, just inform us when and we welcome very much that information and we will work with you.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I have here with me a good friend of mine si Archie Po who owns the Lionair. He has a 727 --- 727, malaki 'yan. To airlift 'yung wala dito, pagkain 'yung...

Mabuti't na lang may airport doon sa Ilocos. He has offered to help, to use his plane. *[applause]* Pero bayaran natin siya.

SEC. PIÑOL: Libre daw una, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ah, libre una. Unang biyahe lang. Lugi na. *[laughter]* Hindi, salamat, Archie ha. Archie has been a friend of mine. He owns maraming helicopter. Siya 'yung tumulong sa akin noon.

SEC. PIÑOL: *[off mic]*

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ako ginamit ko ngayon 'yung ano, 'yung [King Air?] kasi hindi maka-landing sa short runways.

Maniwala ka, hindi ha? Ito totoo ito. Nung kampanya, that was the time that I really, really --- I was able to tour the entire length and breadth of the country. May ma-landingan (landing) kami doon sa chopper, 'di semento eh. Parang twice as big and as --- parang basketball court.

'Di mag-landing ako doon so --- 'di magtanong ako, "Ano ba ito? 'Yung landing deck sa chopper?" Sabi niya, "Hindi sir, 'yung basketball court." T*** i**.

Sabi, "Basketball court? Bakit ganito lang?" "Kasi hindi natapos eh."

Kung ganun, may gusto akong sabihin pero mag-init ang ulo ninyo. I can only --- I'm not trying to be a hero but I can only do so much. There's a separation of power. I cannot intrude into... Mahirap eh.

It's unlawful. It's not allowed and you don't want to create... Pero ganun. Marami pa 'yang ano diyan, 'yung habulin mo 'yung itong easement. Malaki 'yung sa Cotabato. Billion 'yan. Maski 'yan na lang. Sampalan --- sampolan mo 'yan.

Maraming nakukulong pero 'yung ... Tapos ako pa ang kulungin ngayon, gusto ipakulong sa --- t*** i** ka sige patay ko lahat 'yung --- t*** i** mga criminal tapos ako ang ikulong? Niloloko na...

It's funny. Basta ako, it's not only a matter of drugs there, use of drugs. It's a thing that can kill a country, destroy a country. Ito 'yung mga anak natin.

Who gave you --- who gave you the right? By what right do you have to harm our children? Iyan ang sabihin ko sa judge. Mag-abot kami doon sa International Court. P***** i** mo ka, judge. Who gave you the right? By what universal authority do you have to destroy my country and children?

Kaya 'yang droga-droga na... Hanggang to the last day ako diyan. And of course, we have to end as in everything, let me thank you again, esteemed future senators.

Si Nick hindi tumatawa. Tumawa... Nasabi ko na eh. [Yap?] against you know. But who knows? Who knows?

Thank you.

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