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**TALK TO THE PEOPLE OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
ON CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

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PRESIDENT DUTERTE: It has reduced --- it has changed the way of life for everybody in this planet, it's not only in the Philippines.

Ang masakit lang sa akin is that now that they need desperately the help of the manpower of other countries and in a jiffy they are given the necessary traveling documents tapos --- to our disadvantage really because it's minus one, minus two, minus three depending on ilan.

Ang problema sabi ko we'll have to look into this again. It has to be this week. Maybe two days from now, we'll have to meet again and consult legal si Secretary Guevarra whether or not it would be legal for us to just stop the migration of health workers simply because they are being taken in in a place where is there is so much...

Kawawa 'yung Pilipino eh so sabi ko aba pag-usapan natin 'yan. So it has to be tackled by the... So that make it clear we are... Don't cut this particular portion because it's very important. It's a more valid reason to stop a doctor or a nurse than the previous one which said that we will be deprived --- we will be deprived of workers. Walang ano 'yon --- walang masyadong --- no leg to stand on actually.

But this one if I send you to a warfront, the enemy is the COVID, the microbes, eh parang --- maawa ako. I do not... Please do not misunderstand me. I am making it clear now. I do not want you to go there and come back in a coffin. That's my --- that's my only argument if you may because you are Filipinos at mahal ko ang mga buhay ng kababayan ko.

The COVID is here to stay. The vaccine prevents the entry of the microbes into the body because they are attacked by the vaccines that were given by

us. It's the same germ, a weakened one, but our body is now attuned --- alam na niya na kalaban ito.

Ang problema kasi nitong COVID na ito pagpasok sa katawan hindi alam ng antibodies. So it was really a very virulent one na-overtakan (overtake) 'yung ating defenses.

Now itong vaccine 'pag nabigyan ka bakuna tayong lahat kahit maliit pa, hindi na sila makapasok because once they attempt to infect you, ang antibodies makilala na niya na kalaban ito. So 'yon ang --- that's the vaccine.

So now that is how dangerous it is for itong ating mga health workers. Then again we go back to the --- that we cannot be forever like this. I have to... You will just have to pound on your g**d*** brain maghanap tayo ng paraan kung papaano talaga 'to. Whether we transport people or workers in buses provided by companies, sanitized and wearing mask...

Importante po whether or not there is really a medication or a medicine for COVID it is still here trying to --- naghihintay lang 'yan kung sinong masakyan niyan eh. So importante talaga wear masks.

Ang batas is really to enforce it. Now you have the police but there is as not much really in the provinces. So it's going to be whether they like it or not the Armed Forces must come in to help enforce a measure that is intended to protect the people and prevent the spread of COVID any further.

Now sa Zamboanga, Cagayan ngayon lang pumutok. Eh that's a problem because before narinig ko na... Well, I do not want to quarrel with the mayors but they took the warnings nonchalant. Now one contamination to the other ngayon puputok --- 'yan pumutok na. So that's a problem now.

You see --- you have heard that there are still thousands to worry about of returning Filipinos to our country. Now itong isa is whether we can stop them from going out. I-reverse mo 'yan, the problem now is itong mga Pilipinong pabalik hindi tinatanggap ng local governments.

Now it will boil down to the power of the President to promulgate rules and regulations to protect public health which is actually an exercise of the police power of the state as against the bill of rights. Because some workers coming from the outside are not welcomed. Simply they are not being accepted by the local governments. So mahirap ito, this is a constitutional issue.

I'd like to address myself to the local executives, it is your duty to help and protect your constituents. I have no quarrel na you want the contagion stopped right there, there at the doorstep. Huwag ka na lang pumasok dito because you contaminate the whole of the family in the house.

But you know Filipinos are citizens of this country. And whether we like it or not they have this constitutional right to travel --- and to travel abroad and to come home after working there. This cannot just be by the wave of the hand.

So we'll have to study this. We'll have to spend again. We will have to gather them in a place --- or 'yung mga hindi nagamit doon na muna sila. And then we can make provisions for the food and everything rather than just leave them there stranded.

If they have the money in their pockets, I'm sure that was intended as a saving for the family at mauubos 'yung pera na 'yan at they would go home with their pockets empty. We do not want that to happen.

So I would like to assure... Mga kababayan ko, gusto kong --- maghanap ako ng paraan na tulungan kayo, 'yung mga kababayan ninyo, mga kapatid na -- - mother, father, sister, brother, stranded here, kung clear na... If they are really cleared by the medical authorities, that is binding especially if it is...

Well, it has to be the certification of the Department of Health. If the Department of Health, your department Secretary Duque, would certify that she has undergone the test not only against the presence of antibodies but the virus itself that she is virus-free, then we have to make arrangement that they can go home.

Maghanap tayo ng paraan. We'll just --- ihatid talaga natin ito sila doon kasi... Cannot... Hindi... We have a stalemate here. What do we do with people waiting tapos okay naman sila?

So you have to go into a testing every --- each and every one of them and find out if they are fit to return and that she or he is not a threat to the community.

But to say that just --- hindi kayo pwedeng pumasok even coming from abroad and even if staying there for already more than 14 days without anything happening to them, then the national government --- makinig kayong local executives --- the national government will insist that you accept the OFWs.

Magkakaroon ho tayo ng problema if you resist because then as a worker of government, it falls upon my shoulders to see to it that everything is done fair and...

I'll listen to Secretary --- Vince, okay.

BCDA PRESIDENT VIVENCIO DIZON: Mayor, just on that note po, just for your information po, noon pong nag-lockdown po tayo noong March, mayroon pong mga 200 na OFWs na na-stranded po sa Clark. Most of them from Mindanao, 38 of them from Davao.

And we took care of them po. We housed them in a hotel for about a month and a half now. And I'm happy to report po through the help of the Department of Transportation and the National Task Force, today po the 38 Davao residents already went home to Davao today.

PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ON PEACE PROCESS AND NTF COVID-19 CHIEF IMPLEMENTER CARLITO GALVEZ JR.: Sir, actually sir we have prepared for the OFWs for their return. In fact, they are being fed by OWWA. The hotel accommodation is being paid by OWWA and also by the manning companies. So they are well taken care of, sir.

Then we will ano, we will give you a presentation by Mr. Vince Dizon on how we will immediately swab our ano... We organized a mega swabbing areas so that all the OFWs will be swabbed immediately so that they could go home.

After they were tested negative, maybe after three days or four days, they can go home already with the certification of the Bureau of Quarantine that they are COVID-free.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes, I think that there's no valid reason really to delay their return if they are found to be free from infection.

To dilly-dally on this, it's to me a cruel thing and it is not good for... I am happy that you have --- naunahan ninyo, you were step ahead and I said you are prepared.

SEC. GALVEZ: Yes, sir. Sir, actually sir we prepared with the --- because I am taking orders from Secretary of DOH and also with the National Task Force and SILG, we are coordinating, sir.

That's why we make a plan on how we can swab them immediately so that after three days we can swab all these 23,000 persons. So maybe we can ano sir we can...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Before that, may I just say that itong mga medical people, you know you have your own opinion, your own view of what is good and what is not. So alam mo 'yan.

There are those who agree with you and those who vehemently disagree with you.

Gusto ko lang malaman ng lahat na ang secretary ng Department of Health ay si Secretary Duque. And this government, my government, my department, will be guided by what Secretary Duque would tell us to do.

I will listen to the conflicting claims. But in the end, it is the Secretary of Health who decides. His --- your word is the law here because we are not...

DOH SECRETARY FRANCISCO DUQUE III: Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: And I'm sure that you will be helping...

At before that, as of today, there is 9,485 cases, 'yung positive ito. Ang... What is very significant is the recovery rate of the persons who were hospitalized or had this infection, it's 1,315; and that is a good number if you compare it to the deaths, 623.

Now, come to think of it really, mababa ang ano natin. They said that itong coronang putris na 'to has a hard time surviving in a hot --- high temperature. So pagka ganun, maybe that explains the reason why na hindi naman masyado marami.

Look, cooperate with us. Wear a mask because if not, kung magsabay-sabay, then we will have an overload. Now do not tell me later on na hindi tayo nag-prepare because we have so many hospitals.

That's why it's called pandemic. If it's local, it's epidemic. Pandemic is worldwide. Tinamaan lahat.

So just cooperate because wala naman kaming hangarin dito para pahirapan kayo. As a matter of fact, we are really trying to figure out how --- how we can ease up the miseries that has been imposed on us.

BCDA PRESIDENT DIZON: I just want to start po, with the permission of Secretary Duque and Secretary Galvez, with a quote from the WHO 'no and I think it's very important for us to understand how important testing is in this battle against COVID-19.

And I just want to read the highlighted part: *"You cannot fight a fire blindfolded and we cannot stop this pandemic if we don't know who is infected."*

There is a simple message for all countries, and that message from the WHO is to test, test, test. Sabi nga po ni General Galvez, kumbaga sa giyera po kailangan i-unmask natin 'yung kalaban 'no kasi kung ano, kung hindi natin ite-test hindi po natin alam kung sino po ang nahawaan na nitong kalaban na ito.

Ang kalaban po ay 'yung disease, hindi po 'yung taong may sakit. Ang kalaban po ay 'yung sakit itself. But to unmask that we have to test.

So it also --- I think it's very important especially from a communications point of view, Mayor, that we need to ramp up testing to save lives.

And alam niyo naman po 'yung mga kababayan natin marami sa kanila ay higit naka --- na nakararami sa kanila ay ganito po silang mamuhay 'no, dikit-dikit sa bahay. Wala naman pong ability to self-isolate. So kailangan po talaga i-test natin ang mga kababayan natin para po mahiwalay natin ang mga may sakit doon sa hindi may sakit. At protektahan po natin 'yung further spread ng COVID-19.

And as you said earlier, Mr. President po, hirap na hirap na po ang mga kababayan natin, hirap na po ang ekonomiya kaya the only way --- and this is --- this is just drawing from the global examples, sa New Zealand po nakawala po sila sa lockdown simply because they moved swiftly, they tested widely, and they relied heavily on good science. And I think we are guided by Secretary Duque and his team on the science part.

What the challenge now is really how do we ramp up our testing to the levels in which we can be comfortable enough to start easing the restrictions because we know that if we have the testing capacity, mabilis po tayong makaka-test, mabilis po nating maa-identify kung sino ang may sakit, at dahil doon po mabilis natin silang maa-isolate at mapipigilan ang pag-surge ng infection sa community.

So the first critical issue po with respect to testing is the laboratory testing. Ito po 'yung kinik --- sinasabi po kanina ni Secretary Duque na matagal na talaga niyang pinag --- itinutulak na mag-ramp up po tayo ng lab testing, 'yun pong tinatawag na RT-PCR.

This is really the most effective way of testing for COVID-19. So just to give us a --- an idea, in February of 2020, we had three laboratories. In --- now we have 20 laboratories: Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao na po 'yan. Our goal, Mayor, is to build 58 more or to accredit and operate 58 more laboratories para po by May 30, in less than a month from now, we will have 78 laboratories all over the country strategically located in areas that can really address the future surges in the communities all over the country.

Right now po there are about 58 already in the advanced stages of accreditation, and that is really what we need to do po. We need to speed up, and Secretary Duque emphasized this po, we need to speed up the accreditation of these labs in order for them to begin operation within the month of May.

As an example po 'no --- this is really not meant to ano 'no, either pat our backs or also at the same belittle us, but if we look at Vietnam, Mr. President, Mayor po 'no, Vietnam po in January of 2020 had three labs. Tatlo po ang laboratories nila. Ngayon po, they now have 112 laboratories.

And this is I think we can --- we can draw from the experience of Vietnam and all other countries like Korea and Germany, those that have tested very, very swiftly and very broadly. Kasi ito po talaga ang way eh. Once na we have enough testing capacity, sabi nga po ni Secretary Duque at ni Secretary Galvez, mas magiging kampante po tayo na mag-ease ng restriction.

So test per day, we look at the best countries in the world. Germany is ahead 120,000 tests per day 'no. Very, very aggressive po and talaga pong gumastos sila nang katodo-todo dito ano.

This is not cheap. A RT-PCR test ranges anywhere between I think 2,000 to -- for the private labs, I think it goes up to above 5,000 'no. It's not cheap. But it is absolutely necessary po. We need to really invest in the testing capacity also because we know that a vaccine is not forthcoming soon.

After detecting, testing and tracing, we need po to isolate. Kaya po noon pong kaka-appoint lang po ni Secretary Galvez as chief implementer, tinawagan po niya si Secretary Villar and myself para po bilisan ang pagtatayo ng mga mega quarantine facilities. At kailangan na rin po nating i-fast track ang construction ng mga ito sa iba't-ibang lugar sa Pilipinas. Noon pong Friday --- ah noon pong Saturday, nasa Zamboanga po kami ni Secretary Galvez and tutulungan na po natin si Mayor Beng Climaco na magtayo ng quarantine facilities nila dahil nga po may upsurge in cases sa Zamboanga.

So we have to isolate them. Then we have to treat them 'no. 'Yung isolation po and treatment they go hand in hand because we want to make sure that our hospitals do not get too congested.

Under the efforts po of the DOH and the IATF, nagtayo po tayo ng mga mega swabbing centers. Dahil po hindi lang lab, Mayor, ang ating challenge 'no kasi po kahit na po tayo may lab kung wala naman pong specimen na ite-test 'yung lab eh hindi po natin mate-test ang ating mga kababayan.

So ngayon po may napakalaking effort initiated by the Executive Secretary na kumuha po ng mga volunteers from all government agencies to come out and help in the swabbing and encoding and barcoding of our mega swabbing centers.

We are building four today. We started po last week and they will all be completed this week.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Secretary Galvez.

SEC. GALVEZ: Yes, sir. For now sir, we will prioritize the 25,000 OFWs. As per your instruction, we will --- we will make sure that they will go home immediately.

Sir, I would like to report on --- on my compliance to you pertaining going -- - going to the field. So when we heard that Zamboanga is already --- there

is a spike of cases, we com --- we ano, we talked with the mayor. And as immediate --- immediate action that you have given the instruction, we will ano --- we will --- we visited the three laboratories there in Zamboanga and we brought 1,100 kits po, sir.

Iyon po ang instruction niyo sa akin na pagka may nangangailangan kailangan po ibigay po kaagad. So kahapon po nagpadala ulit tayo ng another C-295, 'yung more or less na 46 boxes ng RITM para ma-operationalize 'yung --- 'yung department of agrar --- Department of Agriculture laboratory na doon po inilagay 'yung laboratory po ng ating mahal na Secretary Duque. Baka po maging operational na po 'yon within ano --- within the month. So tatlong laboratory po ang itatayo po natin sa Zamboanga City to also cater 'yung Zamboanga Peninsula, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.

At sinabi ko po kay mayor na kailangan po pangalagaan niya rin po 'yung Bangsamoro dahil kasi 'yung kanya pong location eh siya po ang melting pot ng ano po --- ng BARMM sa Region IX. And he --- he accepted our ano -- - he want to convey her thanks to you sir for acting immediately during the ano, the time that they need. Because they text me and they --- they said "please help us". So immediately we --- the Secretary of National Defense ordered me to --- to proceed to --- to Zamboanga City, sir.

Sir, complied sir with your instruction, sir. And our ano, our PPE, 200,000 will be brought to Davao as per instruction --- your instruction also, it will be our main depot so that all --- all the supplies be needed by Mindanao will be taken from Davao, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Okay. I'd like to thank everybody, beginning from Secretary Duque, Secretary Año, Secretary Galvez, ay ang ating workhorse talaga dito.

Well, I know that overworked kayong lahat especially harried masyado 'yung ano mo Secretary Duque, but that is the price of public service. You are crucified, you are --- lahat na --- criticized severely. But in the end, when you retire or even for the day you sleep and if you think that what you did for the country, medyo ano ka na, kampante ka na.

So this I would like to... I would like to address myself also to General Año. The responsibility of controlling COVID is not a national responsibility only. A part of government --- kaya nga dito I operate as President, then since I cannot run my own errands, maraming trabaho, so meron akong Secretary of Health because I cannot be my --- the Secretary of Health, Defense, lahat na.

So I cannot --- as the saying goes, I cannot run my own errands. I function through the Cabinet and down the line ang local government falls under the DILG headed by Secretary Año.

Kailangan tumulong kayo even in the matter of the swabbing thing. If you can provide a place for the health guys to operate comfortably and immediately, do it. Para sa inyo 'yun. Trabaho ninyo 'yan eh. Hindi lang 'yan trabaho ng local government.

Just don't tell us to --- problema 'yan tapos sabihin ninyo mag-close-close kayo diyan. Well, I --- I see the validity of that move. But then again you have to, you know, come to terms with the Constitution.

I heard also, I'm sure sa City of Iloilo, hindi ninyo tinanggap 'yung mga OFW. Sir, Mayor, nakikiusap ako sa inyo na sundin lang ninyo 'yung guidelines. I will operate through the DILG kasi it's either sumunod kayo or I will impose it on you. Sumunod kayo sa magandang paraan o pipilitin ko na sumunod kayo which is actually... You know, I do not want to embarrass people. I have full faith and confidence.

Sa Iloilo siguro I think by this time, it has been resolved. Ang importante lang that the returning workers, our brothers and sisters who have labored abroad to give us also their share of their income with us. Kaya 'yang remittances ng dollar is one of the pillars ng ating economy. Ang GDP diyan is malaki ang ibinibigay ng OFWs and we do not want to repay them with this kind of behavior.

So Davao, I think, Inday has accepted it according to Bong, and the others. The other ano places, do not play heroes. Avoid it because I said... We remain to be a unitary form of government. We are not federal. Federal maka ano ka because you have a great thing about local autonomy in its purest form.

Ang Pilipinas hindi po, it's presidential type and being controlled by the national government, lalo na itong mga ganito. I do not have to lecture. I just want to remind people also listening na ganun ho ang ating patakaran.

Now iyong baka sakali, itong mga lalabas, observe the --- in the meantime, kindly --- please kindly observe the mask and the distance rule. Iyong medyo malayo kayo na... Huwag kayong magdikit-dikit because 'yun nga ang sabi nila eh. The easiest way to transmit is to be kissing each other. Ah 'di... *[laughter]*

And that's the worst kind of transmission. If you want to transmit your love, go ahead. But you know not all people are your lovers so you better keep the distance.

At itong --- iyong mga big business. Let me tell you something, meron tayong mga problema noon, which was really part of governance and which I hope you would understand that it was really part of my sworn duty as the --- as an employee of the government who heads the Executive department.

Words were, well, mainly mine. But if you just can forget it for the moment, I'd like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping us --- helping us, you know, provide the necessities of the moment. Mga ganyang ano... We can --- I can promise you that I'll be nice and if you want to see me, we can talk.

And naubos na ho iyong pagkasuplado ko kasi --- dahil sa *[laughter]* --- the COVID. The COVID humbled me. That with the kind of response that you gave, showed to the public, it's a humbling experience also for me that, you know, baka kailangan mo rin sila balang araw.

So maybe there will be a lot of legal issues but we can talk. I'm --- I am ready to talk and I'd be reasonable. Iyong mga masakit kong salita to the Ayalas and to --- si Pangilinan, I apologize for the hurting words. If you can find in your heart to forgive me because if you do not then I will ask --- if you do not want to forgive me, I will undercut you. I'll go direct to God. *[laughter]* "God, ayaw akong patawarin nitong mga itong si ano." Magyawyaw na naman ako. *[laughter]*

So itong pinakamahuli. I'd like to say again, it involved the... Pero be careful because again the NPAs are around. Now, there is no longer hope for further talks with Sison.

So itong tracing. Ito bang positive ka tapos nakausap mo o naka --- na-embrace mo o naghalikan kayo tapos naghiwalay na kayo. It's the tracing

eh. Ite-trace namin 'yung tao sino ang mga kausap mo sa mga araw na 'to, kailan ka nagkaroon ng chills, fever.

So from that time, we'd reckon that you had already --- you have been infected already and so we'd begin to trace the people whom you have contact with, talked with because easily the virus, especially if it's --- maski mag-usap lang, delikado ang hangin eh.

So itong tracing would --- ano ito, trabaho talaga ito ng mga barangay. *[Official: LGU po.]* Yes, yes. And the police, sabi ko... But gusto kong anuhin ang pulis eh kaya lang times are not really normal. Talagang papatayin kayo ng NPA 'pag makita kayo because they want your firearms.

Alam mo, mainit masyado 'yang M16 pati M14. I know that. They are itching to get it from you. That is why be careful. Kayong mga sundalo ko pati mga pulis, ngayon na huwag kayong mag-kompyansa. Do not be too confident about it. Pati 'yang istasyon na nire-raid. They will kill you. And I am telling you, kill them also.

Kaya lang hindi ko kayo mautusan mag-tracing, sana madali, may sakyan. Eh kaya lang delikado so dito na ako sa local governments, sa mga mayors.

Secretary Año would provide the guidelines of how you can help us. We are not asking you, we are requesting you to help us kasi hindi talaga kaya ng national government lang.

Without the local executives, patay. We will crumble. So your --- your toil is as good as mine na sabay-sabay tayo. And mayroon dito na ano --- ah...

Sinabi ko na sa inyo noon, "huwag sa panahong ito." Mayroong mga... Wala akong na --- I have --- basta local government employees. Lahat naman tayo workers eh. Diretsuhin na natin, local government workers. I do not want to --- to mention titles here.

Mayroon sinabi ko na sa inyo, "huwag ninyo --- do not..." 'Lang kay... Good boy ako ngayon. *[laughter]* Hindi ako magmura. Sinabi ko na sa inyo na kung may gawin kayo, huwag sa panahong ito.

Alam ko noon pa, sinabi ko na sa kanila na ako nagre-resist na ipadala ko sa... Alam nila 'yan o. Kasi pagdating diyan sa local government units, the mayor, si Bing --- o Beng ba 'yan? Si Beng, pati sila --- sila Inday, talagang nagtatrabaho.

Pero 'yung mga minsan down the line, downstream, saan ka na, wala naman kang kasing... Walang tao na sa karami, thousands ito, eh di we requested the local government units.

Iyong mga mayors naman, kindly --- kindly look into the people that you have commissioned to do the distribution sa pera.

Kagaya nitong Barangay Kagawad Danilo Flores ng Agustin, Hagonoy, Bulacan. Ang p***** j** mo, nakuha ka pa ng television na may ano doon grab o it's not grab --- it's a --- actually a... Nakuha ka na hinihingi mo... Susmaryosep.

Mahirap na nga, ikaw may trabaho ka na, kagawad ka, ang p***** j** kukunin mo pa 'yung pera ng mahirap.

I'd like to presume that you were elected because your constituents find you to be a man of integrity, honesty, and that you can perform.

So wala akong ano diyan. Kindly tingnan niyo itong mga empleyado na ito. Pagka... Pati itong 4Ps, sinabi ko na sa'yo --- this is a directive. This is a direct order to everybody: 'pag mag-distribute kayo ng pera, huwag ninyong ibigay sa mga p***** j**** 'yung mga asawa na... Ibigay ninyo sa babae, to the wife.

Huwag ninyong ibigay diyan sa mga lalaki 'yung mga walang... Wala na ngang ginagawa, wala ng --- walang trabaho, walang ibinibigay sa pamilya at mayroon pang dadating na pera, isinusugal naman ninyo, ini --- eh p**... Ban... Kung ako ang mayor maabutan mo...

Drinking and gambling sa tulong ng tao. Ano... Now sabihin mo hindi mabigyan, that is also unfair. You know why? Kasi karamihan nitong mga g***** 'to hindi naman naniniwala sa --- they don't really care about the family.

So kung sabihin mo na hindi mo nabigyan, eh paano 'yung mga bata pati anak? So I am sure Secretary Año will --- can provide a mechanism of how to do it.

Either we give you the supplies --- ang ano 'yung sa --- the amount that you are going to receive. Hindi ko na... We can always give you the equal value of what you should be receiving, pagkain na lang.

Kasi kung ibigay mo baka itong mga wala ng trabaho, ibigay mo naman sa asawa 'yung pera, maglasing doon sa labas tapos pagbalik... Inutil na nga

ang p***** i** niya, bubugbugin pa ang asawa.

Wala namang ibang mabugbog. Bakit hindi ka magbugbog niyang...
Maghanap ka ng pulis diyan o. Batukan mo ang ulo para makita mo.

Itong mga 'to marami 'yan. They are aplenty. Kayong mga Pilipino, 'pag malasing, wala na ngang ibinibigay sa pamilya, nambugbog pa ng pamilya ang mga bata pati...

Mga kababayan ko, I hope that I have enlightened you about what we are doing. Lahat ito wala. Itong lahat discussion na ito, COVID tapos to protect and save the Filipino. That is all there is to it.

Maraming salamat po.

PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESPERSON HARRY ROQUE: Inatasan po ako ng ating Pangulo na inanunsyo dahil sa kagustuhan po ng ating Pangulo na matigil 'yung pangungurakot pagdating po sa SAP at iba pang ayuda ng gobyerno na ginawa po ni Kagawad Danilo Flores ng Hagonoy, Bulacan, siya po ay magbibigay ng pabuya ng 30,000 pesos sa lahat po na magre-report ng mga local officials na kumakana o kinukurakot ang mga ayuda para po sa mga mahihirap.

Tumawag lang po kayo sa 8888. Siyempre po kung gusto ninyo ng ayuda, eh mag-iiwan kayo ng pangalan at telephone number. At 'pag napatunayan po 'yung inyong reklamo sa korapsyon laban sa mga lokal na opisyaes na kinukurakot iyong mga ayuda na ipinamimigay ng gobyerno, 30,000 pesos po ang pabuya na ibibigay ng ating Presidente sa inyo.

Alinsunod po ito sa zero tolerance ng ating Presidente laban sa korapsyon lalong-lalo na po doon sa mga kumakana at kumukurakot ng ayuda para sa mga mahihirap.

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