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**REMARKS OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING THE COMMAND CONFERENCE ON TYPHOON OMPONG**

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DA SEC. EMMANUEL PIÑOL: Mr. Chairman, Mr. President. Sir, can I report on the projected effect of Typhoon Ompong on agriculture?

We have made projections, Mr. President, based on data gathered from PAGASA. And Typhoon Ompong is expected to affect a total of one thousand --- one million two hundred twenty thousand hectares of rice and corn alone.

On a moderate basis, rice will suffer losses amounting to about 3.6 billion pesos --- billion.

Worst-case scenario, Mr. President, 7.9 billion. Translated to volume of palay, moderate damage would be 74,000 metric tons.

For rice, worst-case scenario 176,000 metric tons. For corn, moderate scenario, our estimated damage is 2.7 billion pesos. Our worst-case scenario is 3.1 billion pesos, that's for rice and corn, Mr. President.

But in spite of this, Mr. President, we are projecting that on a moderate scenario, at the end of the year, even with what will happen, we will still have about 96 days of supply of rice.

Worst-case scenario, ending stocks December 31, we will still have 85 days.

We're expecting actually, Mr. President, this year to have a record harvest again of 19.4 million metric tons for paddy rice.

But if we will be hit hard, that will be reduced by about 600,000 metric tons or 18.8 million metric tons.

We have already prepared everything, Mr. President. We have made preparations. We have been monitoring, sir, the progress of the typhoon.

Thanks to the help of PAGASA, we have our own disaster monitoring. We have activated our DADRRM operation center.

We have advised farmers to harvest their crops that are already matured, and fishermen not to fish.

We have already positioned our fish --- our seeds and planting materials and other farm inputs.

We are now pooling all of our machineries and equipment and we are positioning our hauling trucks for animal evacuation. Thank you, Mr. President.

DFA SEC. ALAN PETER CAYETANO: Mr. President, just to report and to inform the body, like the DOTr, the DFA is also allotting cash. So kung may mga OFW po na maiipit sa mga ports and wala silang pamasaha, et cetera, the DFA --- the cluster where DFA is will be willing to help them and it's within the guidelines of the 1 billion, Mr. President, that you allotted for the OFWs.

Mr. President, as far as --- so far, Mr. President, maganda 'yung --- levels 'yun. But we modified the guidelines para basta't naipit po sila, we can assist them right away po.

SEC. CAYETANO: Mr. President...

PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE: *[inaudible]*

SEC. CAYETANO: We have some consular offices, Mr. President but malamang po we will coordinate with the airport and the seaport officials but we'll find a way to give them the money.

So nung 'yung Xiamen Airlines po nag --- na-stock 'yung sa runway sa NAIA. We're able to assist OFWs. Binigyan po natin ng tig-5,000 pesos bawat isa.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Iyong... How about those OFWs who are here na, who have landed but have not yet returned to --- ?

SEC. CAYETANO: Iyon po sir ang tinutulungan natin, 'yung mga nandito na naipit. Or sir, 'yung paalis na. Kasi usually 'yung paalis na wala na rin pera, Mr. President eh, tapos made-delay sila. So rather than bumalik sa probinsya nila, we'll give them.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: And you have the housing facilities?

SEC. CAYETANO: Sa Metro Manila po, we --- si DOLE po ang tumutulong. Pero 'pag outside Mr. President, cash na lang ibinibigay natin. Sila na ang nag-aano.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Si Bebot what's the...

DOLE SEC. SILVESTRE BELLO III: In place na lahat 'yan, Mr. President. Basta may mga ganitong emergency situation, the DOLE is in place with three efforts. Unang-una, 'yung emergency employment program; pangalawa 'yung financial and other assistance to the OFW.

In place na lahat 'yun, Mr. President. Nandiyan 'yung mga OWWA offices namin in all the provinces that will be affected.

Iyon naman tungkol sa mga emergency employment, this was clearly illustrated during the case of Lawin, Marawi, and Boracay, including 'yung Mayon Volcano eruption.

Ang unang dumating diyan ay ang DOLE through its OWWA efforts, Mr. President.

Kaya dito sa Region II, I, CAR, including Central Luzon, naka-in place na po 'yung aming OWWA offices diyan. Kailangan lang namin ng konting tulong ng financial, galing sa DFA, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Maraming pera si Alan.

SEC. CAYETANO: Well-coordinated kami, Mr. President. Then one last Mr. President, all systems and protocol for international humanitarian assistance have been put in place.

The cluster which DFA heads has been activated. If and when the determination is made that we are in need of international assistance, we shall make the call for assistance.

The registry which we will use, Mr. President, will match the needs of the localities with the desired donation of the international community. The cluster will meet tomorrow.

In case the President --- should there be no call by the President for international assistance, the NDRRMC member agencies could so determine by themselves. And if there's a need for a calibrated acceptance, Mr. President, we're also ready for this.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I will just like to make some projections... Let us assume that all these things will pass --- will come to pass, so where do you get the extra rice that would be expended after the crisis, this typhoon?

SEC. PIÑOL: Actually Mr. --- yes, sir, Mr. President, the impact on our rice supply will only be about 3.6 days. Our reserve would be reduced by about 3.6 days.

We don't really have a problem with the supply now, Mr. President. It's harvest time. And the imported rice are starting to come in, so...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: You mean the importations?

SEC. PIÑOL: The previous importations, Mr. President. The importations already made by NFA. And we are now harvesting all over the country.

So in fact, we're expecting stabilization of the rice prices in the market within the next two, three weeks.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Okay. How about the DSWD? Are you around?

DSWD REP.: Hi, good afternoon, President.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes, we'd like to hear from you the --- what you have planned so far.

DSWD REP.: Yeah, we have already coordinated with our field offices in the local government units for the preposition of our food and nonfood items.

Actually, we have already the --- around 400,000 family food packs standby all over the country. But specifically for Batanes, we had already sent our advanced team led by the Director of our Disaster, Director Rudy Encabo, to assess --- to assist the local government unit of Batanes.

So far, we have already procured with the NFA 88,000 bags of rice for augmentation and we have already sent 5,000 family food packs to Region 2 for the augmentation of the typhoon.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Let me ask you this question, everybody: Are you in constant communications with everyone? I mean do you make periodic reports to somebody aside from the NDRRMC?

DOTR SEC. ARTHUR TUGADE: On the part of the Department of Transportation, Mr. President, we are in constant communication with Usec. Jalad kasi nga binuo nila nga ho 'yung membership ng NDRR --- 'yan kaya nagkakaroon ng coordination.

In fact, having said this, just to emphasize that coordinations are being made and to address the query earlier raised by Secretary Del, doon sa

Coast Guard, meron na bang mga equipment or vessels or crafts that are available?

In fact, this morning, sir, nag-submit na kami ng complete list ng mga vessels or craft or even aircraft na available on call where they are re --- where they are situated.

We also submitted pati 'yung mga first aid equipments and even how many teams are available on call.

Ito ho at least sa Transportation, 'yung coordination namin ay nakalatag doon. 'Yun ho 'yung sagot ko sa katanungan, are we in constant communication?

DND SEC. DELFIN LORENZANA: Mr. President, kung 'yung NDRRMC is on red alert, sir, you might want to consider now, the --- all the agencies are represented there meron silang tao doon for better coordinations. So nandiyan sila lahat 24 hours a day during the typhoon.

So that kung ano man ang kailangan sa mga agencies nila, meron silang contact kaagad doon sa agencies nila. So we have that...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yeah, I was just asking about the centrality of the communications.

SEC. TUGADE: Meron pong naka-designate sa amin na isang tao lang na overall in-charge. Siya naman ang magko-coordinate sa aming kagawaran. Si Manny, 'yung sa amin, si General Manny Gonzales.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: And may I ask Attorney Tolentino, si Francis, just to be my conduit. I may be around somewhere, I may decide to go out, I really do not know. So tayo nalang.

In my behalf, you just gather the information that are available, the things that we wanted to know along the way while the typhoon is in progress.

Dito, ikaw nalang ang conduit ko sa kanila para isa lang. Then I can have the whole gamut of information na galing sa iyo. So ikaw nalang ang representing the Office of the President.

Kasi wala ako, cut off ako. Kasi I don't --- I don't have... I have not made any calls actually, historically. I have not made any telephone or phone call to you until now. So kaya ikaw nalang. Yes.

SEC. CAYETANO: Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, one question lang po sa NDRRMC. Nung Senate investigation kasi doon sa Yolanda, 'di ba natuklasan natin that the military and the NDRRMC only had less than 20 satellite phones and was sharing it?

So nung bumagsak 'yung communications sa Leyte and Samar, walang --- walang maka-contact kasi walang available satellite phones.

So I'd just like to know kung meron because since we have 24 or 48 hours to go, pwede tayong magpadala ng satellite phones kung kulang pa rin 'yung nandoon.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Do you have the supply?

SEC. CAYETANO: Mr. President, readily available naman. But actually, after Yolanda, we were supposed to have purchased more sa lahat ng government agencies eh. That's why I just want to ask meron na ba ang...?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Are these equipments with somebody --- with the agency?

OCD USEC. RICARDO JALAD: Sir, we rely on the communication equipment of the different agencies. We at OCD, all our regional offices have satellite phones. They also have portable data communication via satellite.

So our operation center is connected to the different regional offices of the OCD which houses the operation center of the Regional Disaster Risk Management Council.

In the event the telco is down, we have backup data communication via satellite.

But we cannot say so our connectivity with the LGUs because they are supposed to procure their own satellite phones.

But some of the LGUs have their own backup communication in the form of radio, HF radio. And they can connect with the AFP if their radios are compatible with the PNP.

So in the restoration of --- or in order to give us situational awareness on the ground, sir, in the scenario that the telcos are down, we organize rapid emergency telecom teams.

It's kind of bayanihan spirit, sir, wherein we tap various agencies including volunteer organizations with radio, form them as a team to provide report from the ground to the national level.

But we really have to establish really a communication equip --- connectivity within the government --- all government machinery.

SEC. CAYETANO: Mr. President, just on that point, just to share. Kasi 'yung finding nung committee noon, number one, since nga cellphones are kalat na, very minimal people have radio and satellite phones. So nung nawala 'yung telco, talagang silence pati sa Facebook 'no.

Number two, doon sa meron, they did not have backup batteries. So even if they had satellite phones, after 24 hours, Mr. President, hindi na nila ma-recharge 'no.

Thirdly, 'yung Facebook became very important in locating relatives. So not only the signal but the Internet connections.

So... But I think, Mr. President, this has been dealt with naman by the NDRRMC after Yolanda. But just to reiterate it, just sakali pong `yun ang mawala.

USEC. JALAD: In addition, Mr. President, we also tapped the telcos. They have various equipment which we call portable cell sites and cell site on wheels.

And actually, we made them participate in our meetings here. I don't know if they are here. But we usually make use of them so that we are connected to select areas.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I suggest that there is one line for all government agencies including the Department of Defense. But another line for just the military and the uniformed police, meron silang sari --- they have their own.

But I think that we should, by this time, have one only para isang tawagan lang.

And if you can work on that, maybe towards the end of the year, next year we can have it.

Gusto ko dalawa. Huwag mo pakialaman `yung military pati police because they have that one line. But they have to --- they have... They can connect with the line for all departments. So kanya-kanya kayong ano may...

Ako, I prepare the itong radio pati... Ang cellphone pagka tinamaan ng bagyo, wala na eh.

And I hate to say this, even during the operations of police, I don't know about the military, they've been using itong cellphones.

I've objected to that several times kasi you have your own radio communications and not relying sa...

Unang-una naha-hack 'yan. Pangalawa, you use it in operations and then they start to blow up the whole things there, 'yung mga relay stations, maging inutil.

And during a crisis actually, the truth is 'pag napuno 'yung tawagan, nag-o-overheat ang cellphone. 'Di ka na makapasok.

So it's well-nigh impossible really to be --- to say connectivity when there will be gap somewhere, interruptions. Kasi 'pag napuno 'yung linya, nagdial lahat.

Just like 'yung baha dito sa Marikina, it could no longer move forward, call, because of the lines were burning and cannot be used anymore.

Pag-aralan lang daw ninyong one central --- sa for all government based here and another line for you connect with the military. But not necessarily enter into their apparatus.

Iyang 'yang isang tawagan lang with the Chief --- Chief of Staff, maybe the major commanders and itong mga important gaya ng Mindanao.

Kasi 'pag nag --- may putok doon, explosion, wala na. Talagang ba-bog down 'yan, and we are no longer capable of connecting with each other.

That's the real truth. And that is the same that happens and again and again, again and again 'yung mga pangyayari sa probinsya.

So do not rely on the commercial cellphones because they cannot be depended upon. Delikado.

So 'yung sa military, they have their own. All you have to do is one line to connect. So para 'yang centrality. If it's just a --- hindi naman giyera 'to. If it's just a crisis or typhoons and everything, madali na lang ipasa sa lahat.

And I would advise each department to have one. 'Yung ano lang para mabilis. And I would like to advise you again from my experience that during a crisis and a bedlam, you cannot rely on 'yung cellphones ni...

Hindi talaga pwede 'pag... Mababara ka diyan. And time is of the essence, especially if it is a crisis --- man-made or whatever.

So 'yun ang ano ko. We work on that. Hindi naman mahal 'yan. I --- during my --- during the '50s ang tatay ko may isa sa ano --- isang linya lang sa opisina niya, sa provincial government. Parang ganun.

And I want you to work on that because that is one thing that we have failed to realize actually. The use of cellphones is --- becomes inutile at a certain level of...

USEC. JALAD: If I may, Mr. President. Actually, DICT has ongoing project which is under procurement stage, sir. It is known as Government Emergency Communications System. Maybe the rep from DICT can explain on that.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Who's handling it?

USEC. JALAD: DICT, sir. The Government Emergency Communication System or GECS.

DOF SEC. CARLOS DOMINGUEZ: We have ordered the BOC, the Bureau of Customs, to release to the DSWD all of their seized food items, including rice for the emergency purposes.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Kay Sid? Nasabihan mo na si Sid?

SEC. DOMINGUEZ: Oo, yeah. And that's really our practice as soon as we seized it, we release it to the DSWD.

So they will be getting not only the rice but if we have seized any smuggled canned goods, we will give it to them.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: General Cimat, you were raising your hand, sir? You want to say something?

DENR SEC. ROY CIMATU: Ah, yes sir. At the start of the typhoon is really very strong for --- it seems that the Northern Luzon and Cagayan will be isolated for quite some time, even weeks, probably because the road going there might be closed for several weeks.

The Isabela Road and the Ilocos Road might be closed of landslide and flooding.

The rain really is very --- grabe 'yung rain na darating so flooding and landslide po ito. So it means that 'yung... May plano yata dito idaan sa Isabela, hindi na makakadaan 'yan.

Iyong sinabi kanina from Clark going to the north, ano na 'yan --- closed na 'yan probably several days or weeks, magko-close po ito.

All electric --- mostly electric, electricity will be out for several days and weeks. Iyong towers, mga --- 'yung wires po, maraming mga kahoy diyan eh, matatamaan 'yan. So brownout nang matagal-tagal including probably Manila because 'yung electricity nanggagaling po --- maraming manggagaling sa Northern Luzon eh, 'yung kuryente papunta dito. So affected po rin 'yun.

Now, itong... The next option na mangyayari will be 'yung kung ma-preposition naman yata 'yung ating mga supplies at saka food stock, naka-preposition naman yata na ito. Kailangan talaga maka-preposition doon kasi 'yung by boat naman, by ship naman, kung malakas pa rin ang ano dito sa Northern Luzon sa kaliwa, ay hindi talaga pwede makadaan 'yung boat natin diyan, mga ship ha.

So by plane naman ito 'pag medyo kumalma na. There will be two airports ang mangyayari, Ilocos doon sa Laoag and Tuguegarao at saka 'yung sa may ano Cauayan, Isabela. Ito 'yung pupunta lang sa eroplano.

And we have to make available our C130s. Ito talaga. The only way na maka-ano tayo will be C130s. So we have to maximize 'yung C130s talaga.

And of course, mga Ilocano naman, sanay na rin ito sa mga ano eh --- isolated eh. Pero hindi makakatagal rin 'yan sir, mga siguro mga three days, four days, meron pa naman silang mga ano diyan.

But kung abutin ng mga 10 days or more na isolated sila, medyo magwo-worry, sir, tayo doon. All cellphones, cell sites, matatamaan 'yan. Electricity, matatamaan 'yan. Kaya 'yung very vital po 'yung ano, 'yung...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Satellite.

SEC. CIMATU: Iyong satellite phone. Iyong kukulangin tayo sa kuryente, sigurado mata- topple down lahat ng mga kuryente diyan eh. So ma-isolated, brownout ang Ilocos.

So we have to be ano dito --- we have to be prepared for this. Iyong ano naman, 'yung DENR --- participation naman natin sa DENR dito is 'yung 'pag mata-topple down 'yung mga kahoy o barado 'yung kalsada.

So we have alerted our --- mga DENR personnel along... Kasi every province meron akong DENR personnel po eh. So 'yung --- tutulong sila sa pagputol ng kahoy along --- 'yung mga natumba po sa kalsada.

Kasi doon --- nangyari kasi doon sa ano noon, sa Yolanda, ay hindi makadaan-daan 'yung mga sasakyan kasi wala eh, hindi makadaan sa ano eh dahil sa naputol na mga kahoy. So we have some provisions for these. Inalert (alert) ko na po 'yung mga ano sa amin sa DENR.

So 'yun lang po ang aking ma...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Actually, in a crisis, you have to reckon with the Murphy's Law. We have the estimates and we have the projections and the reckonings and all.

But we would not... We would... It ain't there until it is there. So pagkaganun, anything can go wrong outside of the projection or sudden shift of that idiot there --- typhoon crawling towards North Luzon.

So the best way to proposition, the most accurate way of finding out ano talaga nangyari is for Tugade who comes from Cagayan and Bello comes

from Isabela to go home there now and watch their own province. How is that?

DOLE SEC. SILVESTRE BELLO III: Mr. President, I was talking to Secretary Tolentino. I said, I think the President should designate at least six Cabinet members to be in these areas of possible calamity, Mr. President, para may mukha kayo doon sa areas na 'yun.

Your presence must be felt there, Mr. President, through your Cabinet members.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Hindi na kailangan ako. So...

SEC. BELLO: Hindi lang kami, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: In succession, eh tatal 'yung trabaho naman ninyo are really germane or very intimately connected with the wherewithals ng typhoon, you could go there to your province. You will be at home there sa Isabela.

Art, you have never been to Cagayan ever since, matagal na. No, si... Ah sigurado 'yung ang roads will be clogged as Mark and... Of course...

SEC. PIÑOL: Yes, sir. In fact, sir, naka-schedule na ako sa Tuesday next week.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: P*** j**. kita mo sang Ilonggo nga... *[laughter]* Hindi magpaluma oh.

Ilonggo --- ti Ilonggo prepared na ah.

SEC. PIÑOL: Dili sa karon sir kay basig mahagsa eropla --- ang helicopter.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Then maybe Roy and General Jalad --- General Cimat and General Jalad, meron ka naman niyan dito.

As long as pagkatapos ng bagyo, 'wag ka namang pumunta ng Baguio. After, tapos you have to be there because I said there's so many things.

Anything can go wrong as it will go wrong. Not to our expectations, not within our projections, not included in our fos--- forecasts. So one, two, three, four, Roy five, General Jalad also the sixth.

DEPED SEC. LEONOR BRIONES: Mr. President. Sa Education.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: O si ano... Ah ikaw ma'am okay ka na. *[laughter]*

SEC. BRIONES: You know last year I went to Isabela, to Tuguegarao, and to Cagayan. I also went to Catanduanes, wherever there is...

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Pero taga-Cebu 'yan si ma'am ha? Tingnan mo kung saan siya umabot.

SEC. BRIONES: Oo, lahat na pati Surigao.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: For the love of your fellowmen.

SEC. BRIONES: Yes. Ah Mr. President, the Department of Education is responsible for the most vulnerable possible victims, and these are the learners.

And we estimated about seven million learners will be affected.

So we expect 7.7 million learners to be affected by this set of typhoons. So we are also preparing.

In terms of monitoring, perhaps kasi kami up to the level of the school, we have the principals, the division superintendents, lahat we have initiated a tracking system.

We are tracking all of them and we have instructed them to stay put especially during the weekend. So we are in constant touch with them.

We have three personnel who are also on 24 – hour duty here. So that whatever happens, it's immediately transmitted to the different schools. And kung --- we have buffer stocks sa ating ibang agencies in terms of food.

Ang aming buffer naman ay ang learning materials. Ang mga books kasi nasisira 'yan, mga computers, etc. Yes. Nag-preposition din kami.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Sa school, napuputol 'yung ano sa bata.

SEC. BRIONES: Oo, mga books nila nasisira. And we'd also like to reiterate our proposal, Mr. President, na perhaps we can minimize the use of the school buildings as evacuation centers. Because the children have to make do with temporary learning shelters which of course exposes them to greater risks.

So we are glad na hindi masyado marami ngayon na schools na gagamitin. Mino-monitor namin 'yan. And we also have already prepared of course the funds which might be necessary. Pero 'yung monitoring is very thorough and comprehensive because down to the level of the principal, we are in touch with the all other.

We are tracking them, we are telling them to --- not to go off on holidays. Those abroad they go home so that they keep watch over the respective constituencies, and these are the children which have to be kept safe and healthy, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Yes ma'am. I distinctly remember talking about a situation doon sa Naga? Tayo ni Tony Tolentino that it's about time that we build 'yung semento as temporary shelters that can be used by the people during ...

Kasi ang ano ko diyan --- my misgiving, ang mga bata napuputol for the --- for the longer they stay in the school, the longer would be the disturbance of the education of the children.

It's about time that General Jalad thinks of this. 'Yun talagang mga frontliners na lugar: Leyte, Samar, itong Cagayan, Isabela, makagawa man

lang tayo parang gym puro semento. Oo, parang gym lang with so many perhaps 10 CRs for women and 10 na --- ihiwalay mo lang babae lalaki.

Parang simple lang na with strong --- I think you have to use the metal iron. Parang gym lang, habaan mo lang `yung upuan para mag...

And if we can build about siguro maski 14 muna next year --- early next year kung masali natin sa --- mahabol sa budget.

Kailangan talaga `yan para ang mga ano... Sunog ganun rin. And so calamities are our way. Sunog, baha, fighting in some areas.

Pag-isipan mo daw `yan then pro --- give me a position paper and I will work on it for the budget.

USEC. JALAD: Actually sir, there is an ongoing project by DPWH, evacuation center project.

We might just have to you know, rethink the concept sir because actually there are already many evacuation centers inaugurated lately under the project of the DPWH. So baka kailangan lang baguhin talaga `yung ano --- `yung concept.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: That's good. That's actually using our head. Kasi everytime that there is a crisis, automatically kasali `yung mga bata na walang pakialam.

And it really causes a disturbance sa flow ng education.

USEC. JALAD: At saka siguro dagdagan `yung budget sir kasi currently ang budget ng DPWH for that is three evacuation centers per region. So we might have to rethink that concept. Baka mag-focus tayo dun sa mas vulnerable, hindi `yung prorated na three per region.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: So it is agreed that all the Ilocanos will go home? Except kang Ilonggo.

POLITICAL ADVISER FRANCIS TOLENTINO: Sir, to clarify again your earlier instructions. We'll report to you daily. We just want to request that we have opcon of some agencies especially the regional directors of health, public works, DSWD, transportation, and DepEd, similar to what we did in Albay.

I will set up camp tomorrow in regional office, PNP Tuguegarao, and if the other Cabinet members will join me, Secretary Tugade and Secretary Bello, we request that Secretary Lorenzana fly us into Tuguegarao tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Ang problema kay Art Tugade, hindi umuuwi ng Cagayan, may atraso siguro doon. Nanganak na man kaya? *[laughter]*

SEC. TOLENTINO: Sa PNP sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: I haven't heard you visiting... I've been there. Sabi ko, "Have you seen your Secretary?" Sabi nila hindi daw.

SEC. PINOL: Do you remember this is almost two years, the day we went to --- Lawin, sir? October, sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Nandoon ka ba noon? Wala? What is your bias against your province?

SEC. TOLENTINO: Sir, I will just hopefully submit a terminal report on Wednesday but the rehabilitation phase will not be part of our job description.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Wala pa 'yan kasi --- you can't mention it now, it presents itself.

SEC. TOLENTINO: So alis kami sir, tatlo bukas ng umaga, courtesy of Secretary Lorenzana and we'll update you daily --- and Secretary Villar will also be there. So, we'll set up camp in Tuguegarao, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Man, paki lang Man ha.

SEC. PIÑOL: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Huwag mong dagdagan 'yung hangin doon
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SEC. PIÑOL: Hindi, sir. Ako na bahala doon, Sir. Sasalubungin ko 'yung hangin, sir para ano... para matigil. *[laughter]*

Monday na ako pupunta, sir. Monday, after the typhoon.

SEC. TUGADE: Tapos na 'yun.

SEC. PIÑOL: Kaya nga after --- after the ty... Anong gagawin sa gitna ng typhoon?

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Eh sorry. Ganyan ang standard biro sa Ilonggo eh. Kaya ganyan sa airport. Kaya sabi ko, nagkita kami. Mayor, mayor ka --- governor ata siya.

Sabi ko, "O Gov, saan ka?" "Alis ako. Ikaw?" Sabi ko, "Alis rin." Eh delayed 'yung eroplano. Sabi ko, "Pamasahe ka muna." Kasi 'yung mga masahista sa --- 'yung bulag, alam nila ang boses ko.

"O Mayor, nandito ka pala. Sige."

So isa dito mag-masahe dito, hayaan ko lang kasi para magkakaroon ng pera. Ang sabi ko, "Man, dito ka o. Mag-hintay ka. Ma-relax ka." Nag-masahe na sa ulo 'yung --- 'yung bulag sa ulo niya.

Sabi niya, "Ilonggo ka sir?" "Oo." "[Tatik?] ang boses mo?" Sabi niya, "Sino ka? Si Governor Piñol ng North Cotabato. Abaw linte nga sikat ka." "Sir, p*** may problema lang tayo." "O, bakit" "Eh 'yung ulo mo puro hangin." *[laughter]*

SEC. PIÑOL: Ang original version niyan sir, Miriam Santiago. Oo. Kuwan lang 'yung akin, variation lang 'yung akin. Ang original na version niyan si Miriam Santiago. Nag-pamasahe sa airport. Sabi nung bulag, "Ma'am,

Ilongga ka?" Sabi ni Miriam, "Paano mo nalaman na Ilongga ako?" "Kasi ma'am maraming hangin ang ulo mo." *[laughter]*

Sir, wala tayong problema sa bigas sa --- 'yung concern ni Sec. Roy kanina because our rice actually is coming from Isabela. Ito, puno 'yung mga bodega ngayon. So wala tayong problema sa bigas maski magsara 'yung kalsada.

PRESIDENT DUTERTE: Kung doon siya baka mag --- sayang... As far as it can be safely. Pero may deployment, unlike the --- ayaw ko na lang magsalita but...

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