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United States of America

Washington, D. C. 20547

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October 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR:

(Addressees are listed in alphabetical order)

The Honorable
James A. Baker III

The Honorable
Michael K. Deaver

The Honorable
Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

The Honorable
Edwin Meese III ✓

The Honorable
Caspar W. Weinberger

FROM:

Charles Z. Wick *ChW*

I am addressing this to the above on the basis that there may be apparent interests relating to each as to that which follows.

Two issues which arose during my conversations with President and Mrs. Marcos when I was in the Philippines warrant your attention. They provide some insight into the atmosphere there and may give us an idea of what to expect in the future.

First, Mrs. Marcos told me that she is quite open to receiving our guidance on any Philippine action which, in our analysis, would improve their image in the U.S. She is very concerned about damage which may already have been done by a somewhat negative American press. She raised this topic on her own and was quite emphatic in asking for our counsel.

There may be corrective measures we might want to recommend. In her words, "just call me up or call us up and let us know any suggestions you have as to what we should do, or how we could perform better."

Second, the President and Mrs. Marcos conveyed to me their interest in helping the USG on the renegotiation of our leases for Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base. I understand these important agreements will be renegotiated in 1983. Mrs. Marcos emphasized that "we would want to be very helpful."

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10/27/81

TO: Dick Allen

FROM: Ed Thomas

DATE: 23 Oct 81

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The attached letter was
received by Ed Meese.

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Name of Correspondent: Frederick M. Hinton

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Subject: Views regarding violations of human rights in the Philippines

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Date **MAR - 2 1982**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

82 MAR 2 P 9: 55

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Rev. Hinton

DATE: 2/2/82 SUBJECT: Views Regarding

Violations of Human Rights in the Philippines

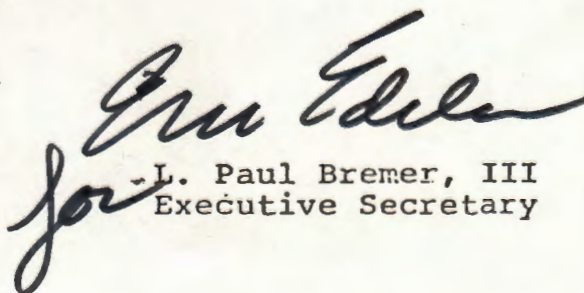
WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 2/9/82 NSC# 058909

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ACTION TAKEN:

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REMARKS:


-L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 1, 1982

Reverend Frederick M. Hinton
Executive Director
National Catholic Conference
for Interracial Justice
1200 Varnum Street N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20017

Dear Reverend Hinton:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of February 2 to President Reagan concerning the Philippines.

The Administration is pursuing an active policy of promoting human rights in the Philippines. We have chosen traditional diplomacy as our preferred means of achieving actual results because we believe it to be more effective. But we have been neither silent nor acquiescent. The just-issued public State Department report on human rights details the areas of our human rights concerns in the Philippines. I enclose a copy.

The following information on Rolly and Puring Trinidad has been obtained by our Embassy in Manila.

On January 16, seven Philippine citizens, including Rolly (Rolando) Trinidad, were arrested in Davao, the Philippines. Some have stated that they were tortured or physically abused during initial interrogation. During the first few days of detention, they were denied access to family and lawyers, although subsequently they have been permitted visits, and their treatment is now reported to be proper.

The Supreme Court of the Philippines granted the detainees' request for a habeas corpus hearing, which was held in Manila on February 9. The Court's decision on the habeas corpus petition is now pending.

The detainees were all charged with possession of subversive materials several days after their arrest. Rolando Trinidad is also charged with leadership in a subversive organization, the others with simple membership. We are not in a position to comment on the substance of the charges.

Criticisms of the U.S.-Philippines extradition treaty signed last November reflect serious misconceptions about it and about U.S. extradition policy. A copy is enclosed so that you can see what it says. The treaty is no different in general from the treaties we have with 98 other countries -- most of the world -- representing a wide variety of political and social systems and is specifically similar to treaties we have recently ratified with Mexico, Columbia and the Netherlands. We administer these treaties in a fair and impartial manner with due regard for protecting individual rights. There is no basis for supposing that the Philippine treaty would be handled differently. The Philippine treaty, as do other treaties, explicitly excludes extradition for political offenses of the treaty is to bring to justice people who have committed serious common crimes such as drug-dealing and embezzlement. Both parties to the treaty have repeatedly confirmed, both privately and publicly, that it is not aimed at opponents of the present Philippine government.

Some have suggested the Philippine government might "trump up" common criminal charges against its political opponents in the U.S. in order to circumvent the bar against extradition for political offenses. The Philippine government has, in fact, never suggested it has such intentions in mind. In any event, it is unlikely the Philippine government would regard such a course as in the Philippine interest since it knows full well the United States would turn down extradition requests based on fabricated charges or that were politically motivated.

The U.S. government, in 1981 as in past years, has not hesitated to grant political asylum to Filipinos in meritorious cases on the grounds that they have a well-founded fear of persecution. Similarly we would not be reluctant to deny improper extradition requests.

As for silencing or muting criticism of the Philippine government by people in the U.S., it hasn't happened since the treaty was signed - quite the contrary - and we don't expect it will happen. The treaty in no way infringes people's constitutional rights of free expression. It does not permit extradition for exercise of these rights.

In sum, we regard the treaty as a normal, useful and appropriate instrument against crime.

Sincerely yours,

Frazier Meade
Director
Philippine Affairs

Enclosures:

- 1) 1981 Human Rights Report
- 2) U.S.-Philippines Extradition Treaty

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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FEBRUARY 9, 1982

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1982

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE REVEREND FREDERICK M. HINTON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
FOR INTERRACIAL JUSTICE
1200 VARNUM STREET, NE
WASHINGTON DC 20017

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN THE PHILIPPINES

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL — IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

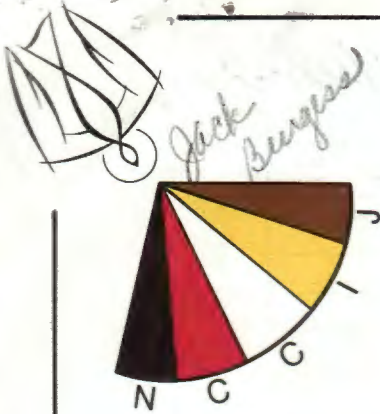
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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February 2, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

Freedom is the cherished fruit of our political democracy. We are, in fact, the great beacon of liberty in the entire world. I need not detail for you, Mr. Reagan, the current and continuing struggle between liberty and tyranny that the United States and the Soviet Union represent.

The unconquerable strength of our side is not, in the last analysis, even military power but truth and justice. The freedom which we espouse cannot be won if we ignore our democratic principles. This is why I am so alarmed by our Government's silence and, indeed, apparent acquiescence in the gross human rights violations that President Ferdinand Marcos continues to exert against his own people.

The militarization in Mindanao is now an open secret. The unlawful detention of Rolly and Puring Trinidad, whose only crime is the desire to exercise the rights which we, in the United States, take for granted, is a source of the gravest concern. And now, Mr. President, there is the effort by the Marcos Government to establish an extradition treaty, in the vain attempt to smother criticism, through fear and intimidation, even in the United States by Philippino nationals.

Mr. Reagan, we cannot win the struggle for freedom if, out of fear and lack of confidence, we run roughshod over the very principles of liberty that make this the greatest democracy the world has ever known.

Respectfully,

Rev. Frederick M. Hinton
Executive Director

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Name of Correspondent: James C. Taylor

MI Mail Report

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Subject: Requests a meeting with the President or representative, to discuss a matter of great importance relating to our country's relations with the Philippines, in Washington, D.C. on 20-24 February 1982.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Senator James C. Taylor

DATE: 2/4/82 SUBJECT: Request a meeting
to discuss a matter of great importance relating to our
country's relations with the Philippines in Washington.

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REMARKS:

[Handwritten Signature]
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1982

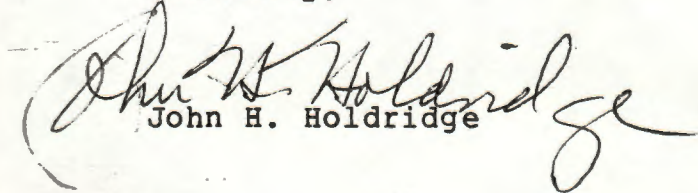
Dear Senator Taylor:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of February 4 to the President concerning your recent visit to Manila.

In your letter, you indicated that you experienced discourteous treatment in your contact with the American Embassy. We are of course very much concerned to hear of such circumstances and will certainly look into this. It would be of considerable assistance to us if you would provide us with details of what transpired in Manila.

I regret that your letter reached us after your February visit to Washington so that we were not able to discuss this problem with you in person.

Sincerely,


John H. Holdridge

The Honorable
James C. Taylor,
Illinois State Senate.

March 18, 1982

Dear Senator Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of February 4 concerning your recent visit to the Philippines.

We have asked the Department of State to look into the matter you have raised concerning our Embassy in Manila. Ambassador John H. Holdridge, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, will be contacting you directly about this.

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

The Honorable James C. Taylor
Senator of the State of Illinois
6241 South Ashland
Chicago, IL 60636

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

MARCH 3, 1982

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 059568

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 4, 1982

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE JAMES C. TAYLOR
STATE SENATOR
ILLINOIS STATE SENATE
611A CAPITOL BUILDING
SPRINGFIELD IL 62706

SUBJECT: REQUESTS A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OR
REPRESENTATIVE, TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF GREAT
IMPORTANCE RELATING TO OUR COUNTRY'S
RELATIONS WITH THE PHILIPPINES, IN
WASHINGTON, DC ON FEB (20-24) 82

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JAMES C. TAYLOR
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6241 SOUTH ASHLAND
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60636
312/925-3000

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

February 4, 1982

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COUNTY PROBLEMS
COMMISSION

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

059568

Dear Mr. President:

I am respectfully requesting an appointment with you or your representative to discuss a matter of great importance relating to our country's relations with the Philippines.

I have recently returned from a fourteen day visit to that allied country as a guest of the Mayor of Manila, the Honorable Ramon D. Bagatsing. During an official visit at a reception in the United States Embassy, both Mayor Bagatsing and I were subjected to a discourteous attitude on the part of Embassy personnel.

The many problems our country faces in the field of foreign policy are not helped, in fact these problems are exaggerated by the kind of attitude and behavior expressed toward the Mayor and myself at the Embassy in Manila. In order to have the respect of foreign countries and peoples, our country must exhibit reciprocal attitudes, and this is especially true of our Embassy staff and personnel.

I will be in Washington from February 20 through the 24th attending the annual legislative conference of the National Association of Counties.

Respectfully,

James C. Taylor
JAMES C. TAYLOR
Illinois State Senator

Dear Senator Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of February 4 concerning your recent visit to the Philippines.

We have asked the Department of State to look into the matter you have raised concerning our Embassy in Manila. Ambassador John H. Holdridge, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, will be contacting you directly about this.

Sincerely,

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April 16, 1982

Dear Mr. Baxter:

I was very pleased recently to learn of the wonderful humanitarian work you have been doing for the people of the Philippines.

Through simple acts of love and concern, we reinforce the bonds that exist between nations and peoples and work to overcome the effects of deprivation and disaster. The sacrifices that we make in a charitable spirit measure the scope of our character and the fullness of our lives.

The strength of our nation, and the well-being of others, is enhanced whenever we offer assistance in times of need. The blessings with which the American people have been endowed make ours a particularly important role to play in securing a better world in which to live together. There can never be a substitute for the assistance which caring and concerned individuals can provide for each other.

You have my great admiration and I want to wish you continued success in your efforts as you enrich the lives of your fellowmen.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

X
Mr. Don Baxter
2668 Ellenbrook Drive
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

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cc: Miss Barbara Saad

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Special Interest

1628 Jose Lane
Escondido, CA 92026
January 18, 1982

Ronald Reagan, President
The White House
1600 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

There is a man in California you should know about. He is doing more to revive patriotism and win foreign friends for the US than any two government officials. Let me tell you about him briefly.

As a member of special forces assigned to break through the Walled City of Manila, Don Baxter personally rescued one of the five POW survivors awaiting firing squad assassination during the Liberation of the Philippines. Later caught behind enemy lines, he found his way to the hills and guerilla forces where he lived many weeks until liberation. He was a "Ninty-day-wonder" who also served as a military advisor in Viet Nam, but it is activities in the Philippines which make him memorable.

Like MacArthur, he vowed to return, and return he has. Last year he led two veterans groups back for a Sentimental Journey. As part of the Sister City project he exchanged Keys of the City from Sacramento to Manila. He touched the hearts of Mayor Bagatsing's guests by announcing in native tongue his love for the people who had opened their hearts to him. He handcarried a large number of commemorative wreaths from many VFW posts in the Sacramento area and in ceremony placed them on the US Battle Monument. He sponsored the trip for Arsenio Velasco, a US Philippine Scout, who led the group in paying tribute to the Philippine Unknown Soldier. He arranged for a group of American servicemen to be decorated by the Philippine government for their service.

But that is just the beginning. He arranged for the Lions Club International to donate 2,000 pairs of discarded eye-glasses he delivered. With that one gesture he topped the amount of giving accomplished in five years of the Lions Club program. In all he's carried 8,000 pairs to people who's lives have been greatly changed by that small act.

Last year when a hurricane hit Mindinow leaving thousands homeless, he personally arranged the shipment of two and a half tons of near new clothing to the flood victims. AND all this without one cent of US government money!

Is it any wonder that he was recently appointed US West Coast Representative to the Philippine Minister of Tourism? This year is the 40th anniversary of the Fall of Bataan. President Marcos has proclaimed the week of April 5, 1982 a commemorative celebration. There will be a special program to honor US servicemen who served there during WWII. Don Baxter is again leading veterans and friends back for a Sentimental Journey.

These veterans are not pompous government officials. They are every day people who still believe in their country and what it stands for.... who fought for it! Patriotism isn't dead in this country. It is just burried under political banners and popular modern causes. It needs some dusting and sunshine.

Couldn't you arrange for some national news coverage of this momentous occasion? Please!

Sincerely,

Barbara T. Saad.

Barbara T. Saad



MINISTRY OF TOURISM



Bureau
of Tourism
Promotion

MOT Bldg., Agrifine Circle, Rizal Park
Box 3451, Manila, Philippines
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WEST COAST REPRESENTATIVE

Don Baxter

2668 Ellendbrook Drive

Rancho Cordova, Ca.

95670, U.S.A.

Tel. No. (916) 363-8531

30 December 81

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO BATAAN TO COMMEMORATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FALL OF BATAAN

1. The President of the Republic of the Philippines has proclaimed the week of April 5th, 1982 as the time to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the fall of Bataan.
2. A program has been arranged to honor all POWS who were captured in the Philippines, all others who served there prior to this time, and all veterans who liberated the Philippines in 1944 and 1945.
3. To make this a real attractive tour, air fare and land costs have been greatly reduced for this trip only.
4. This tour has been set up with three separate plans as outlined below.
All plans include round trip air fares, via Philippines Air Lines, hotel rooms, city tour of Manila and much more.
Price does not include meals except those hosted by Philippine Officials of which there will be several.
5. Transportation from Sacramento to San Francisco Airport will be available for approximately \$12.50 per person (one way). Hotel costs are based on double occupancy at five star hotels.
6. \$150.00 deposit is required by January 28th, of which \$140.00 is refundable up to 5 March 82. Deposit must be made by check or cash (No Credit Cards). Make checks payable to DON BAXTER.

Balance must be paid by 5 March, 1982 and may be by check or credit cards.

Passports are required (allow 30 days). No Visas or shots required for visits of 21 days or less.

7. PLAN A. 9 days returning to S.F. approximately 5 P.M. Sat. 10 April 1982 cost \$1095.00

PLAN B. 13 days includes 3 days, 3 nights in Baguio. cost \$1250.00

PLAN C. Same as Plan B with extensions up to 12 days to visit other islands or countries such as Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, etc. cost \$1250.00 plus

cost of additional travel and hotels

estimated hotel costs, Manila \$25.00, other islands \$30.00

Air Fare prices will be furnished upon request.

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Cable: MINTOUR
Telex: 0435 BTPROM PM

WEST COAST REPRESENTATIVE
Don Baxter
2668 Ellenbrook Drive
Rancho Cordova, Ca.
95670, U.S.A.
Tel. No. (916) 963-8531

BASIC ITINERARY

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Thursday 1 April
10 P.M. | Depart San Francisco Airport via Philippine Air Lines. Check in 8 P.M. |
| Friday 2 April | Lost day (Cross date Line) |
| Saturday 3 April | Arrive Manila approximately 6 A.M.
Transfer to Manila Mid Town Hotel. (20 stories high with 10 restaurants)
7 P.M. Hosted dinner in hotel. |
| Sunday 4 April | 1 P.M. City tour of Manila. Approximately 3 hours |
| Monday 5 April | 7 A.M. trip to Corregidor (optional)
Approximately 4 hours Cost \$35.00 |
| Tuesday 6 April | 9:30 A.M. trip to Tagatay with lunch (optional)
Approximately 5 hours Cost \$20.00 |
| Wednesday 7 April | Free day for shopping or whatever |
| Thursday 8 April
Friday 9 April | Transfer to Bataan. Program of ceremonies and Bataan hosted meals furnished later |
| Saturday 10 April | 5 P.M. Depart for San Francisco (Plan A.)
6 P.M. Arrive San Francisco Airport
9 A.M. Plan B group departs via air for Baguio.
10 A.M. Arrive Baguio, Transfer to Hyatt Regency Hotel
1:30 P.M. city tour Baguio (optional) |
| Sunday 11 April | Free day for shopping |
| Monday 12 April | Free day |
| Tuesday 13 April | Free day |
| Wednesday 14 April | 9 A.M. Depart Baguio for Manila
5 P.M. Depart for San Francisco
6 P.M. Arrive San Francisco Airport |

Plan C. Group will be scheduled as desired by each individual.

Additional items such as Hosted Dinners and other activities will be furnished as information is received.

RAMON D. BAGATSING
MAYOR

*Office of the
Mayor*

December 21, 1981

Maj. Don Baxter
2668 Ellenbrook Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Dear Don:

We are pleased to inform you that our country will be commemorating the 40th (Ruby) Anniversary of the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor on April 9, 1982.

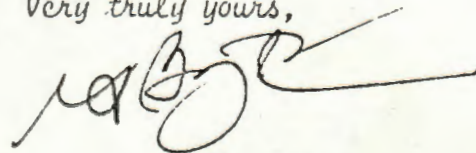
To ensure the success of this commemoration, the President of the Philippines has issued a Proclamation creating an Executive Committee to undertake a series of activities to make this occasion a most significant and memorable one. The committee has decided to call this activity the Reunion for Peace Program. It aims to give all war veterans the opportunity to come to the Philippines and re-live the memories of the last world war, together with their comrades-in-arms who fought side by side for peace and freedom.

May we, therefore, invite you to join us during this commemoration and if you could also invite some of your other veteran friends to join us during this once-in-a-lifetime anniversary. You will find enclosed a copy of the tentative schedule of activities.

Thank you very much and we hope to welcome and have you with us in Manila for the 40th (Ruby) Anniversary of the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor.

Warmest regards.

Very truly yours,



MANILA, PHILIPPINES



MINISTRY OF TOURISM



Bureau
of Tourism
Promotion

MOT Bldg., Agrifina Circle, Rizal Park
Box 3451, Manila, Philippines
Tel. No. 599031
Cable: MINTOUR
Telex: 0435 BTPROM PM

December 10, 1981

Major Don Baxter (Ret.)
2668 Ellenbrook Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
U.S.A.

Dear Major Baxter:

We would like to thank you for your generous support of our government's Reunion for Peace (RFP) program by organizing groups of American war veterans and their families or survivors, for "Sentimental Journeys" back to the Philippines.

Because of your experience with RFP, we are happy to inform you that we are designating you as the official representative of this Bureau to promote RFP on the U.S. West Coast. Whenever necessary, please liaison with Mr. Mario Payawal of our office in Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

PEDRO G. TUASON
Director

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Name of Correspondent: Embassy Manila

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Subject: Unopened

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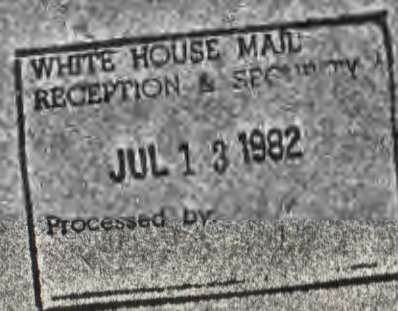
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THE HONORABLE
RONALD F. REAGAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 9, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MUFFIE BRANDON

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER *CB*

SUBJECT: ALTERNATE SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 16 STATE DINNER
AFTER DINNER GUESTS

William Clohan, former Undersecretary of Education is no longer with the Administration, at our request.

In his place I recommend that one of the following couples be invited:

Mr. and Mrs. Danford L. Sawyer
Public Printer

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Devine
Director, Office of Personnel Management

Mr. and Mrs. Pedro San Juan (check marital status)
Assistant Secretary - Territorial and International Affairs
Department of the Interior

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynn Helms
Director, Federal Aviation Administration
Department of Transportation

Regarding the White House staff, I would strongly recommend that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Khedouri be invited particularly if others on your list have been previously invited.

Thank you for the opportunity to make suggestions.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1982

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any suggestions
CF

MEMORANDUM FOR: CRAIG FULLER

FROM: MUFFIE BRANDON

muffie Brandon

Would you be so kind as to review the enclosed list for the alternate and after dinner guest for the state dinner in honor of President and Mrs. Marcos of the Philippines to be held on September 16?

I welcome any suggestions or alterations you wish to make but we very much appreciate it if you return it to me as quickly as possible as some of the invitations have to go out fairly soon.

Thank you so much for your kind help and consideration.

REC'D. CA AUG 05 1982

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THE WHITE HORSE

As of August 4, 1982
3:30 p.m.

ALTERNATE DINNER IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT MARCOS OF THE PHILIPPINES

SEPTEMBER 16, 1982

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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14 FOREIGN OFFICIAL PARTY

NSC STAFF (to be selected by William Clark)

2
2

STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL (to be selected by Mrs. Roosevelt)

2
2
2

OMB
M/M Fred Kholover

WHITE HOUSE STAFF

6 Couples, Assistant and above

- 2 Mr. and Mrs. Alan F. Holmer
- 2 Mr. and Mrs. Ken Duberstein
- 2 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Harper
- 2 Mr. and Mrs. James Rosebush
- 2 Admiral and Mrs. Murphy
- 2 Miss Karna Small and Husband

3 Couples, Special Assistant and Below (none have been before)

- 2 David B. Waller and Guest
- 2 Joanna E. Bistany and guest
- 2 Mr. and Mrs. Wendell W. Gunn

Back-up William Sadleir

TOTAL 42

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED BY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>AFTER DINNER GUESTS</u>				
<u>Presidential Appointees</u>				
2 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Fleron Morris AID, External Affairs				
2 Mr. and Mrs. William C. Clohan, Jr. Under Secretary of Education				
2 Mr. and Mrs. Seeley Lodwick Under Secretary of Agriculture, Internal Programs				
2 Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCoy Under Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism				
2 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catto Assistant Secretary of Defense, Public Affairs				
2 Miss Janet McCoy High Commissioner Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands (very important that she come)				
2 Mrs. Judith T. Connor and Mr. Connor Assistant Secretary, Department of Transportation, International Affairs				

we fired him several weeks ago

Other Suggestions for After Dinner

1 Nyle C. Brady, Senior Assistant Administrator for Science and Technology, AID	State Dept.	7/29
1 Mr. Tristan E. Beplatt	State Dept.	7/29
1 Raymond Johnson, President, Philippine-American Chamber of Commerce and Vice President, Caltex Petroleum Corp.	State Dept.	7/29
1 William E. Tucker, Chairman, U.S. Section, US-ASEAN Business Council	State Dept.	7/29
1 Haydn Williams, President, Asia Foundation	State Dept.	7/29
1 Loret Ruppe, Director, Peace Corps	State Dept.	7/29
1 Wife of Senior Military Aide of evening		

TOTAL 21

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COUNSELLOR'S OFFICE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 821816

Name of Correspondent: J. Marsh Thomson

CN Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Writer offers a profile of Benjamin T. Romualdez, the new Philippine Ambassador to the United States.

ROUTE TO:

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J. MARSH THOMSON
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

093649

June 28, 1982

Hon. Edwin Meese III
Counsellor to the President
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed,

I take the liberty of sending this brief note introducing the new Philippine Ambassador to the United States, Benjamin T. Romualdez. "Cocoy" is an imposing gentleman of vast energy and experience, who obviously is determined to be a very active representative of his country and friend of ours. We here are hopeful and optimistic one positive result will be a greatly improved image of the Philippines.

Prior to his departure, the Ambassador has taken refreshing initiative by contacting many of us, including especially American businessmen, concerning our current impressions, concerns, and recommendations. For our part, we welcome his most encouraging approach, and of course, want to do all we can to assure an open, ongoing and constructive dialogue.

THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.
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J. MARSH THOMSON
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

PAGE 2/. . .

Moreover, I am sure you will genuinely
like the new Ambassador, Ed.

With warmest regards,

J. MARSH THOMSON
Executive Vice President

JMT:rcm

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Name of Correspondent: Richard N. Navel

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Subject: see problem of U.S. military retirees in the Philippines

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S/S # 8226168

Date October 1, 1982

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: MSGT. Richard N. Norrell USAF
DATE: July 20, 1982 SUBJECT: Regarding Problem
of U.S. Military Retires in the Philippines

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: September 1, 1982 NSC # 093711
(if any)

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- Other.

REMARKS:

L. Paul Bremer, III
for L. Paul Bremer, III.
Executive Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 30, 1982

MSGT. Richard N. Norrell USAF
President
Retired U.S. Military Philippines
Association
Theresa Building
MacArthur HI - Way Balibago
Los Angeles, California 96274

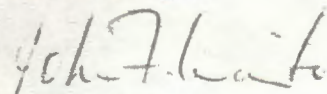
Dear Mr. Norrell:

The White House and the Office of Secretary of State Shultz have asked me to respond to your letters of July 20, 1982 and July 6, 1982 concerning the interest of your organization to increase the monthly purchase limit of Commissary and Exchange items at US military facilities in the Philippines.

As you are aware the issue has arisen several times over the years. We have asked our Ambassador in Manila to look into it once more, and to inform you directly of the Embassy's findings. I have forwarded to the Embassy copies of your most recent correspondence.

I also enclose a copy of the press release issued after the recent visit of President Marcos, which indicates that the bases review, to which you have referred, will begin in April, 1983.

Sincerely,


John Maisto
Deputy Director
Philippine Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated.

8226168

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 093711

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 20, 1982

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MSGT. RICHARD N. NORRELL USAF
PRESIDENT
RETIRED U. S. MILITARY PHILLIPPINES
ASSOCIATION
THERESA BUILDING
MACARTHUR HI - WAY BALIBAGO
LOS ANGELES CA 96274

SUBJECT: REGARDING PROBLEM OF U. S. MILITARY RETIREES
IN THE PHILLIPPINES

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 455-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

*Received in S/S-I
8/31 at 3:00 p.m. (CJG)*



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2. Director of Agency Liaison	
3. Presidential Correspondence	
4. The White House	
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REMARKS

ID: 093711

The VA cannot answer this one.

We suggest referring this to the Department of State. They wrote directly to the Secretary of State 7/6/82 concerning this.

FROM

Joseph M. Simon
JOSEPH M. SIMON

Director, Executive Review Staff
(00A1)

DATE

8/26/82

TEL. EXT.

389- 5151

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

AUGUST 20, 1982

TO: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

ACTION REQUESTED:
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REF: [illegible]

AUGUST 22, 1982

THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

DIRECT REPLY, PLEASE FURNISH TWO COPIES

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FROM: [illegible]

SUBJECT: [illegible]

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SALLY KELLEY

DIRECTOR OF ASSET MANAGEMENT

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ADMINISTRATION

Retired U.S. Military Philippines Association

THERESA BLDG., MACARTHUR HWY, BALDAGO, ANGELES CITY, 2017
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES



20 July 1982

NOTICE TO MAIL DISTRIBUTION UNIT:

This letter requires the personal attention of President Reagan. It affects over 3,000 US military retirees and their families in the Republic of the Philippines.

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M. Blackburn
President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

The attached copies of correspondence addressed to Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos and Secretary of State George Schultz is furnished for your information. US military retirees in the Republic of the Philippines need your support in resolution of the stated problem. The problem outlined in the correspondence has existed since 1974.

We have tried, but in vain, to have the problem resolved without involving the President of the United States. Our problems have been outlined in letters from this association to the President of the Republic of the Philippines and many civilian and military agencies of the US government. While the majority have replied that they were sympathetic and felt that our request for a modest increase in our monthly purchase limit was justified, a few such as the Assistant Secretary of Defense and CINCPAC (Commander-in-Chief-Pacific) seem to be satisfied with the status quo. On 20 October 1980 the former US Ambassador to the Philippines, Richard Murphy, sent a diplomatic note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting a modest increase in the purchase limit to \$100.00 a month for single retirees, and \$150.00 a month for married retirees who have their families with them in the Philippines. As of this date, our letters to US Ambassador Michael Armacost requesting an update on the status of the diplomatic note have remained unanswered.

Retirees in the Philippines are fully aware that there can be no increase in the monthly purchase limit to purchase additional basic and essential items at the US Facilities in Philippine bases without the approval of the Philippine government. Retirees here are also aware that the problem will continue to exist until such time as persons in authority confront President Marcos or Foreign Affairs Minister Carlos P. Romulo in person-to-person discussions on the issue. We have no evidence to indicate that such action has ever taken place.

Mr. President, we have faithfully fulfilled our part in our military contracts. While we were on active duty we were promised that we would have Commissary and Exchange privileges, even in retirement. Since we do not have the level of privileges we were promised and haven't, as yet, had the support necessary to achieve even a small portion of our promised benefits, we feel that there is a breach of contract by the US government. Compared to benefits and privileges being enjoyed by retirees in Japan and South Korea, our request for

an increase in the purchase limit from \$50.00 a month to \$150.00 a month in the Philippines is not excessive or unreasonable.

According to local newspapers, President Marcos is scheduled to visit the United States in September this year. When you meet with President Marcos we hope you will discuss this important issue with him. The problem can be solved in one of two ways - either through positive person-to-person diplomatic talks in the Philippines between Ambassador Michael Armacost and Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos P. Romulo to arrive at an early decision on the proposal contained in the referenced US Embassy diplomatic note of 20 October 1980, or included as a negotiating point in the RP-US Bases negotiations which are to begin this month. If the first route is taken, a letter from you or Secretary of State George Schultz to Ambassador Armacost will tend to strengthen the US position on the issue. If the second route is taken, please issue the necessary instructions to Secretary of State Schultz.

We believe that President Marcos will approve the proposal as stated in the referenced diplomatic note if he is told that the modest increase will be used only for the purchase of "basic and essential consumption" items at the US Facilities in Philippine bases. Retirees here are not asking for an increase in the purchase limit to purchase automobiles, appliances, stereos, jewelry, or other such expensive or controlled items.

Mr. President, if you wish to write to us about this important issue, you may send the reply through the Director, Retired Affairs Office, 3CSG/CDR, APO San Francisco 96274. The director is a member of this association and will see that the reply reaches us.

Thank you for your kind attention.

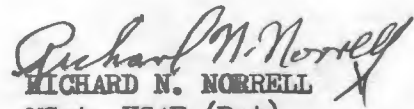
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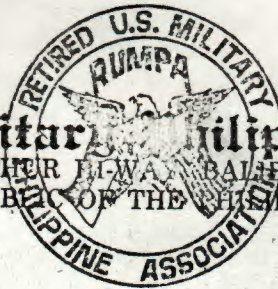
President Ferdinand E. Marcos

Respectfully yours,


RICHARD N. NORRELL
MSgt. USAF (Ret)
President

Retired U.S. Military Philippines Association

THERESA BLDG., MACARTHUR LANE, BALHAGO, ANGELES CITY, 2017
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES



20 July 1982

His Excellency
Ferdinand E. Marcos
President of the Republic
of the Philippines
Malacañang, Manila

Mr. President:

The attached letter, which pertains to US military retiree benefits and privileges in the Republic of the Philippines, and problems related thereto, is furnished for your information. We hope this correspondence receives the attention it deserves.

You are probably aware that US citizens who serve in the US military services for twenty years or more are entitled to certain benefits and privileges, including Commissary and Exchange privileges. In the United States, retirees have full privileges at the military bases. In foreign countries, retiree benefits are included in Status of Forces Agreements (SOFAs), Military Bases Agreements (MBAs) and/or bilateral agreements between the host government and the United States.

In South Korea, US military retirees have a monthly purchase limit of \$325.00 to purchase Commissary and Exchange items at US bases there, and are permitted to utilize the APO/FPO military postal facilities to send and receive first class letter mail and packages under one pound. In Japan, a country which was a common enemy of the Philippines and the United States during World War II, retirees there have full Commissary and Exchange privileges, and can purchase gasoline at on-base Exchange outlets. In the Philippines, retirees have a monthly purchase limit of only \$50.00 and cannot shop at the Commissary or Main Exchange. Retirees here cannot purchase gasoline on base and do not, as yet, have official use of the APO/FPO military postal facilities. The low \$50.00 monthly purchase limit, which was established in a diplomatic agreement two decades ago between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States, needs an upward revision because of inflation. The purchasing power of a \$50.00 purchase limit at today's prices is less than thirty percent of what it was in 1966. In South Korea and Japan (Okinawa included) retirees use US dollars to purchase items at the bases. Because of a restriction imposed by the Philippine government many years ago, retirees here are required to use Philippine pesos for purchases at the US facilities. It seems that US military retirees are appreciated more in Japan than in the Philippines. Shouldn't this be the other way around? After all, many retirees here were on duty with the US military forces which liberated the Philippines during World War II and a few retirees here were in the Bataan

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Death March. There is a much higher retiree population here than in Japan, therefore retirees here spend much more off-base in support of the local economy. As stated in the attached letter to US Secretary of State George Schultz, retirees here spend more than twelve million pesos a month, off-base, in support of the Philippine economy.

Approval of an increase in our monthly purchase limit will not result in a loss of foreign exchange (US dollars) by the Philippine government because purchases at the US Facilities here by retirees are paid for in Philippine pesos.

The modest increase in the monthly purchase limit as proposed in the US Embassy diplomatic note of 20 October 1980 is not, in reality, an actual increase. It only compensates for inflation and will permit retirees to purchase the same quantity of basic and essential items they could purchase in 1966. The contents of the referenced diplomatic note is included in the enclosure hereto.

It is reiterated that retirees in the Philippines are asking for a modest increase in the monthly purchase limit to purchase additional basic and essential items at the US Facilities - mostly food items. We are not asking for an increase in the purchase limit to purchase automobiles, appliances, stereos, jewelry or other such expensive and controlled items. Also, an increase in the monthly purchase limit will not result in the proliferation on "black-marketing" because the items which are available at the so-called "Off-Base BX Stores" in and around Angeles City and Olongapo City cannot be purchased at the US Facilities by retirees. Most retirees here desire to have a Commissary privilege rather than a BX privilege because they are interested, primarily, in food items.

Mr. President, if you are of the opinion, as we are, that US military retirees here deserve an increase in their monthly purchase limit, we would appreciate it very much if you would instruct the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to approve the proposal as contained in the US Embassy diplomatic note of 20 October 1980. If you believe that the issue should be included in the RP-US Bases negotiations which are reportedly to start this month, we would appreciate it if you would make this known to President Ronald Reagan when you meet with him in your upcoming visit to the United States.

Without your help, Mr. President, US military retirees in the Philippines will never realize an increase in their monthly purchase limit. This is true because US military authorities here do not have the authority to grant an increase in the monthly purchase limit for retirees without approval of the Philippine government.

A reply as to your views on this important issue will be appreciated by all US military retirees in the Republic of the Philippines.

1 Encl:

RUMPA Ltr dtd 6 July 82
w/6 attachments.

Copy Furnished:

President Ronald Reagan

Respectfully yours,

Richard N. Norrell
RICHARD N. NORRELL
MSgt. USAF (Ret)
President

Retired U.S. Military Philippines Association
THERESA BLDG., MACARTHUR LHWAY BLDG., DAVID BAGO, ANGELES CITY, 2017
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES



6 July 1982

Secretary of State George P. Schultz
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Schultz:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a major problem which US military retirees in the Republic of the Philippines have been attempting to solve since 1974. We seek your assistance in resolution of the problem.

The problem concerns the monthly purchase limit for the purchase of "basic and essential" consumption items by retirees at US Military Facilities (Clark Air Base, Subic Naval Base, and John Hay Air Station) in the Philippines. In a diplomatic agreement in 1966 between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States, retirees and other categories of persons were granted a monthly purchase privilege of \$50.00. At that time, no provision was made to compensate for inflation in later years. Because of inflation and rising prices since 1966, retirees here are asking for a modest increase in the monthly purchase limit to \$150.00. Considering the benefits and privileges being enjoyed by retirees in Japan and South Korea, our request for a modest increase is surely not excessive or unreasonable. For info on the purchase limits by retirees in Japan and Korea, please see attachment 4 hereto.

The problem has been included in letters from this association to former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of Defense, all service secretaries, numerous members of the US Congress, Air Force Chief of Staff, CINCPAC in Hawaii, PACAF commander in Hawaii, CINCPACREPPHIL at Subic Naval Base, Clark Air Base commanders and various veterans organizations. The majority replied that they were sympathetic and felt that our request for a modest increase in the purchase limit is justified. Unfortunately, sympathy will not place additional food items in our shopping baskets.

Retirees here spend most of their retirement/pension pay each month, off-base, in support of the Philippine economy. In many cases, personal funds are spent in the support and education of Filipino relatives. Contributions are also made to community projects. It is estimated that retirees here spend an amount in excess of twelve million pesos a month, off-base, for necessities and services - (3000 retirees x \$500 a month = \$1,500,000 x P8.40 = P12,600,000). In consideration of such substantial support by retirees in the Philippines, we are asking the Philippine government to grant us a small concession by permitting us to purchase additional American food items at the bases to supplement our diet of Filipino food. When Filipinos are away from the Philippines they miss

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Filipino food. Likewise, when Americans are away from the USA they miss American food. American food produced and canned in the Philippines under license from American companies doesn't have the quality and taste of food marketed in the US by American companies.

On 20 October 1980 the former US Ambassador to the Philippines, Ambassador Richard Murphy, sent a diplomatic note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs recommending a modest increase to \$100 a month for single retirees and \$150 a month for married retirees who have their families with them in the Philippines. As of this date we have no information on the current status of the diplomatic note. On 23 March 1982 this association sent a letter to Ambassador Michael A. Armacost requesting update info on the diplomatic note. No reply was received. On 15 May 1982 we sent a follow-up letter to Ambassador Armacost. Again, no reply was received. On 17 June 1982 our association Vice President, Roland P. Faciane, visited the US Embassy-Manila to ascertain the status of the diplomatic note and to find out if there had been replies to our correspondence. Unfortunately, Ambassador Armacost and his secretary were out of the office on outside commitments. The assistant secretary could provide no information on the diplomatic note or our letters. Copies of our letters were given to her along with our telephone number in Angeles City. Please see attachments 4 and 5 hereto.

In the WINTER 1981 issue of the Newsletter For Navy Retirees the Secretary of the Navy stated that the Philippine government referred the referenced diplomatic note to the Mutual Defense Board in March 1981 where it was reportedly under study at that time. The Secretary of the Navy also stated in the same publication that he would recommend a modest increase in the monthly purchase limit in the current bases negotiations if an increase is not realized through the medium of the diplomatic note.

In April 1976 prior to the RP-US negotiations, which resulted in the Military Bases Agreement of 1979 between the Philippines and the United States, this association sent a telegram to former Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, requesting permission for a representative of this association to be a member of the US Negotiating Panel. A similar request, by letter, was sent to the former US Ambassador to the Philippines, Richard Murphy. In a reply, the Department of State suggested that our problems be stated to the senior member of the US Panel. This was done, however our desires were not brought up in the negotiations. The excuse given, after the negotiations were concluded, was that our problems were not of sufficient importance to be brought up at that level of negotiations. We realize that there can be no increase in our present monthly purchase limit of \$50 without approval of the Philippine government, however we have no evidence that anyone in authority has ever had a person-to-person discussion of the issue with Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos. The problem will never be solved unless there are serious person-to-person discussions of the subject between the leaders of the two countries, or brought up in negotiations at the highest level. As stated by the Secretary of the Navy in the WINTER 1981 issue of the Newsletter For Navy Retirees, resolution of the problem through administrative approach is not feasible. We hope that the evasive tactics used by the US Panel in the previous RP-US bases negotiations will not be repeated in the bases negotiations which are to start this month. A copy of the referenced telegram, reply from the Department of State, and reply from US Ambassador Murphy are included as attachments 1, 2, and 3 hereto.

You are probably aware that most retirees are on "retired-retainer" pay and as such are subject to recall to active duty in the event of a war or national emergency requiring the full mobilization of troops. With Soviet expansion and

threat to world peace in many parts of the world, the military services are already working on plans for the speedy recall of retirees. These recall plans are intended to reduce critical reaction time if a full mobilization becomes necessary. On the one hand we are being told that we are an important and integral part of the military services, but on the other hand we are disregarded when we ask for support for a portion of the benefits already earned.

Since local newspapers state that the bases negotiations will start this month and that President Marcos is scheduled to visit the United States this September, request you intervene in our behalf to determine the status of the referenced US Embassy-Manila diplomatic note. If the diplomatic note has not resulted in an increase in our monthly purchase limit, please include the issue as a negotiating point in the current bases negotiations. The US Panel should stress to the Philippine Panel that: (1) retirees in the Philippines spend more than twelve million pesos a month, off-base, in support of the Philippine economy, (2) the purchasing power of the present \$50 monthly purchase limit is less than fifty percent of what it was in 1966, (3) an increase in the monthly purchase limit will be for the purchase of additional basic and essential items, and (4) retirees in the Philippines are not asking for an increase in the purchase limit to purchase automobiles, appliances, stereos, jewelry, or other such expensive and controlled items.

Secretary Schultz, we respectfully request that you discuss this important issue with President Marcos when he visits the United States. We feel that President Marcos, himself a combat veteran of World War II, will not oppose an increase in our purchase limit if he is briefed in person-to-person talks on the reasons for the requested increase.

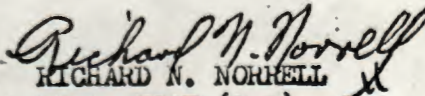
We would appreciate a reply on this important issue which is of vital concern to retirees in the Philippines. If you desire, the reply may be sent through the Director, Retired Affairs Office, 3CSG/CDR, APO San Francisco 96274. The Director is a member of this association and will see that the reply reaches us.

Finally, Secretary Schultz, the members of the RUMPA wish you much success in your new assignment as Secretary of State. We hope that the new assignment will be enjoyable and rewarding.

6. Atchs:

- 1 - RUMPA Telegram dtd
14 Apr 76.
- 2 - Dept of State Ltr
dtd 22 Apr 76.
- 3 - US Embassy-Manila Ltr
dtd 14 June 78.
- 4 - RUMPA Ltr dtd 23 Mar 82.
- 5 - RUMPA Ltr dtd 15 May 82.
- 6 - Philippine News Release.

Respectfully yours,


RICHARD N. NORRELL
MSGT. USAF (Ret)
President

Copy Furnished:

Secretary of Defense Weinberger
Senator Charles Percy

CLARK AIR BASE RP 14 APRIL 1976

HONORABLE DR. HENRY KISSINGER:

REQUEST THIS ASSOCIATION BE INCLUDED AS A VITALLY INTERESTED PARTY IN
UPCOMING TALKS IN MANILA REGARDING NEW MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT.
SUBJECT OF GREAT CONCERN TO U.S. MILITARY RETIREES AND REPRESENTATION
OF THIS GROUP IN MATTER AFFECTING THEM IS LONG OVERDUE.

RESPECTFULLY,

ARTHUR J. CULLINAN, MSGT, USAF (RET)
PRESIDENT
RETIRED U.S. MILITARY PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION
107 RAYMOND STREET, NEW BALIBAGO
ANGELES CITY, PHILIPPINES

ENDCALL

RETIREE BENEFITS/PRIVILEGES IN THE PHILIPPINES - 1966

- a. Could cash retirement/pension/Social Security check for US dollars.
- b. Could purchase bottled liquor/wine at the military clubs.
- c. Could purchase cigarettes by the carton at the DAU Veteran's BX, and individual packs at the military clubs.
- d. Purchases of bakery and dairy items were not deducted from the \$50 monthly purchase limit - effective year 1968 as authorized in writing by the 13th AF Inspector General.
- e. A Retiree Shopping List was not in existence.
- f. Could purchase stamps/envelopes/money orders at the Base Post Office.
- g. Could purchase books and magazines at the BX book store.
- h. Could purchase underwear, socks, and towels at the Clothing Sales Store.
- i. As Associate members of the military clubs, retirees had the same privilege as active duty members in the purchase of items at the clubs.

RETIREE BENEFITS/PRIVILEGES IN THE PHILIPPINES - 1982

- a. Cannot cash checks for US dollars.
- b. Cannot purchase bottled liquor/wine at the bases.
- c. Cannot purchase cigarettes - not even one pack at the military clubs.
- d. Purchases of bakery and dairy products are now deducted from the \$50 monthly purchase limit.
- e. Shop in the Lily Hill BX which is too small to satisfy the volume of authorized shoppers.
- f. Cannot shop at the Commissary, and cannot shop at more than one BX outlet.
- g. Now required to use a Retiree Shopping List.
- h. Cannot purchase underwear, socks, or towels at the Clothing Sales Store. These items are higher in cost at the Retiree Shopping Outlet.
- i. Cannot purchase stamps/envelopes/money orders at the Base Post Office.
- j. Cannot purchase books and magazines at the BX Book Store.
- k. Do not, as yet, have official use of the military postal facilities for letter mail, and parcels weighing less than one pound.
- l. Cannot purchase gasoline, motor fuel, or other automotive products at the Base Service Station.
- m. As Associate members of the military clubs, retirees do not have the same privilege as active duty members in the purchase of items at the clubs - but pay the same monthly dues.
- n. Because of high inflation and rising costs, the purchasing power of the \$50 monthly purchase limit is less than fifty percent of what it was in 1966.

Retired U.S. Military Philippines Association
THERESA BLDG., MACARTHUR HIGHWAY, BALDIAGO, ANGELES CITY, 2017
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES



15 May 1982

Ambassador Michael A. Armacost
United States Embassy
1131 Roxas Boulevard
Manila 2801

Dear Ambassador Armacost:

Reference our letter dated 23 March 1982 - copy attached for ready reference.

Because the issue of an increase in the monthly purchase limit for the purchase of "basic and essential" consumption items at the bases in the Philippines is of vital concern to US military retirees residing in the Republic of the Philippines, request this association be given an early reply on follow-up action with the Philippine government on the proposal contained in the referenced US Embassy diplomatic note of 20 October 1980.

1 Atch:

RUMPA-Ltr dtd 23 Mar 82

Respectfully yours,

Richard N. Norrell
RICHARD N. NORRELL
MSgt. USAF (Ret)
President

RP-US bases talks set July

Members of the Philippines and the United States panel are expected to hold talks in July on the revision of the military bases agreement of both countries.

The official diplomatic source said both panels have already started meeting to study certain provisions of the treaty. He said both panels in July will touch on some points that were not discussed in the treaty.

The diplomatic source, however, refused to comment on what specifically would be taken up by the panels in the coming talks. He said that certain matters such as criminal jurisdiction and taxation would surely be included in the talks.

In the past there has been some provisions in the treaty which have become slight irritants to both coun-

tries as to the apprehension of US personnel within the bases.

It has been gathered that US Ambassador Michael Armacost briefed Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo on the developments and restudy of the US panel at the latter's residence. It was also gathered that both panels have been studying the provisions of the treaty for several months now.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 22, 1976

Arthur J. Cullinan, MSgt, USAF (Ret.)
President, Retired U.S. Military
Philippine Association
107 Raymond Street, New Ballibago
Angeles City, Philippines

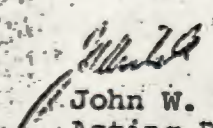
Dear Mr. Cullinan:

The Secretary has asked me to respond to your telegram of April 14, 1976, and to assure you that our negotiating team will bear in mind not only your organization, but all similar organizations and their interests as our negotiations with the Government of the Philippines proceed.

As you are aware, it is not possible to have every organization with an interest in the base negotiations represented on the negotiating team, since to do so would result in a team so large as to be totally unwieldy. Nonetheless, we recognize that many organizations do have a real interest in the outcome of the negotiations and thus your views and ideas are welcome.

Since the Deputy Senior Military Advisor to the team will be Major General Leroy Manor, 13th Air Force Commander, I suggest a logical means of making your wishes known to the team would be through Major General Manor's office or the Office of the Base Commander at Clark Air Base. The team looks forward to receiving your comments and views.

Sincerely,


John W. Kimball
Acting Director
International Security Operations
Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MANILA, PHILIPPINES

June 14, 1978

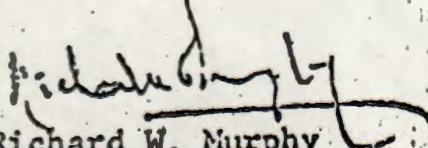
Mr. Joseph L. P. Fortin
Secretary, Retired U.S. Military
Philippines Association
107 Raymond Street
Balibago, Angeles City
Republic of the Philippines

Dear Mr. Fortin:

I appreciated receiving your letter of May 22, 1978 introducing me to the Retired U.S. Military Philippines Association.

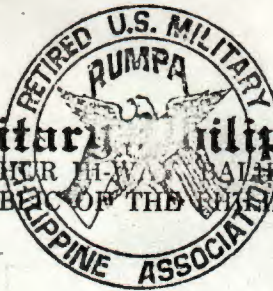
You may be assured that I have the highest regard for retired U.S. military personnel and that the interests of you and your colleagues will be taken into account in discussions with the Government of the Philippines concerning the military bases.

Sincerely,


Richard W. Murphy
Ambassador

Retired U.S. Military Philippines Association

THERESA BLDG., MACARTHUR HWY., BALDIAGO, ANGELES CITY, 2017
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES



23 March 1982

Michael A. Armacost
United States Ambassador
United States Embassy
Rexas Boulevard
Manila, Philippines 2801

Dear Ambassador Armacost:

The members of the Retired US Military Philippines Association (acronym RUMPA) welcome you and your family to the republic of the Philippines. We hope your stay here will be enjoyable and rewarding.

The RUMPA, which is composed of retirees from all branches of the US military services, was established in 1974. Starting with only a few members, we have grown to a present membership of two hundred and ninety (290) retirees. Attachment 1 hereto contains further information on our association. We have a Charter from the Securities & Exchange Commission, Republic of the Philippines.

Although Attachment 3 hereto clearly shows that retiree benefits/privileges in the Philippines have been on a steady decline since 1966, one area of vital concern to retirees residing in the Philippines is the "monthly monetary purchase limit" for the purchase of basic and essential consumption type items at the military bases. In a diplomatic note agreement in 1966 between the governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the United States, the monetary purchase limit was established at \$50.00 a month for retirees and other categories of persons. Because of high inflation and rising prices since 1966, we have asked for a modest increase in the monthly purchase limit. To cite one example of rising prices, a 15-ounce can of chili with beans cost \$0.36 in 1966 but the same item now costs \$0.93 at the retiree BX shopping outlet at Clark Air Base. You can readily realize that the purchasing power of \$50.00 at today's prices is less than fifty percent of what it was in 1966.

In Japan (Okinawa included), retirees enjoy full Exchange/Commissary privileges and can purchase gasoline at on-base outlets. In Korea, retirees have an Exchange/Commissary privilege of \$325.00 a month - the same as an active duty person who is on a non-command-sponsored tour, and are permitted to send and receive letter mail, and parcels weighing less than one pound. Compared to privileges being enjoyed by retirees in Japan and Korea, our request for a modest increase to \$150.00 a month is surely not excessive or unreasonable. Retirees in Japan and Korea not only have a much higher monthly purchase limit but are permitted to shop in the Commissary for their food requirements. Retirees in the Philippines do not have a Commissary privilege. Instead, retirees here are re-

quired to purchase their food items at a specified retiree shopping outlet (Lily Hill BX) where prices of food items are at least fifteen to twenty percent higher than in the Commissary. Also, purchases of food items by retirees are limited to items listed in a Retiree Shopping List.

It is emphasized that the modest increase being requested by retirees in the Philippines is for the purchase of additional basic and essential consumption items - primarily food items. We are not asking for an increase to purchase appliances, jewelry, stereos, or other such expensive and controlled items.

The former US Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, Ambassador Richard Murphy, was informed of our problem and he realized that our request for a modest increase was justified. In an effort to help, Ambassador Murphy sent a diplomatic note on 20 October 1980 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting an increase to \$100.00 a month for single retirees, and \$150.00 a month for married retirees who have their families with them in the Philippines. The contents of the referenced diplomatic note is included in Attachment 2.

On 1 February 1981 the Retiree Shopping List was revised to include a few additional items, and quantity limits on some items were deleted. While we are appreciative of this change by US military commanders at the US Military Facilities here, the revision is meaningless without a corresponding increase in the monthly purchase limit.

The latest information this association has on the proposed increase is a copy of a "Newsletter For Navy Retirees - WINTER 1981" wherein the Secretary of the Navy stated that the Philippine government referred the US Embassy proposal to the Mutual Defense Board in March 1981 where it was reportedly under study at that time.

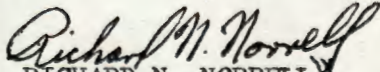
Considering the long period of time which has elapsed since the diplomatic note was sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, would you please instruct your Staff to contact the Mutual Defense Board to ascertain the present status of the proposed increase? If the proposal has been "shelved" by an agency of the US government, we respectfully request that you discuss the proposed increase with Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos, or Minister of Foreign Affairs, Carlos P. Romulo.

We would appreciate a reply on this important matter.

3 Atchs:

- 1 - Info on the RUMPA.
- 2 - US Embassy Diplomatic Note dtd 20 Oct 80.
- 3 - Retiree Benefits/Privileges in the Philippines (1966 versus 1982).

Respectfully yours,


RICHARD N. NORRELL
MSGt. USAF (Ret).
President

RETIRED US MILITARY PHILIPPINES ASSOCIATION (RUMPA)

The Retired US Military Philippines Association (acronym RUMPA) was established in 1974 in Angeles City, Republic of the Philippines. Membership in the RUMPA is open to both Americans and Filipinos who have retired from the US military services and includes retirees of all grades. The original intent of forming the RUMPA was not only to provide a centralized social and information point, but to improve, through a coordinated, unified channel, the condition of retirees residing in the Philippines. The RUMPA coordinates and assists veterans and widows with educational assistance claims and paperwork, survivor benefits and burial services, and the presentation of grievances and inquires to the appropriate military/US government agencies. Periodically, the RUMPA supports civilian and military agencies in the Angeles City area by donating funds for community projects. The RUMPA has donated funds to the colleges/University in Angeles City for use by deserving but needy Filipino students. Many RUMPA members volunteer their time to work at the Retired Affairs Office at nearby Clark Air Base. Some RUMPA members devote their time and expend their personal funds in assisting in the recruitment of eligible Filipino and American youths for the US military services. Current membership in the RUMPA consists of 290 members and is steadily growing. We work hand-in-hand with the American Legion; Air Force Sergeant's Association; Fleet Reserve Association; and the Retired Officer's Association. We have our headquarters in Angeles City (Theresa Building, MacArthur Highway, Balibago) not far from Clark Air Base. We have offered our services to the commanders of the US military facilities in the Philippines in the areas of disaster relief; liaison with the host government; assistance to personnel pending separation and/or retirement from the services; general counseling of young, active duty personnel; and any other areas where we can be of assistance. The RUMPA also stands ready to assist the Philippine government in any way it can.

The RUMPA has a Charter from the Securities & Exchange Commission, Republic of the Philippines.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Manila, 20 October 1980

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 546 dated 11 February 1965 and to the Ministry's Note No. 4617 dated 7 March 1966 concerning the privilege of retired military personnel and the widows of purchasing limited items at the U.S. Military Exchange and Commissary outlets. The above exchange of notes established a purchase privilege of fifty dollars (\$50) per month.

The Embassy wishes to inform the Ministry that various retiree organizations have requested that the fifty dollar (\$50) purchase limit be increased because inflation has greatly reduced the benefit of this privilege. U.S. Military authorities responsible for operating the Exchange and Commissary outlets have determined that a modest increase in the purchase privilege could be supported at this time.

Therefore, the Embassy, recognizing the economic hardship placed on military retirees because of worldwide inflation, proposes that the purchase privilege limit be increased to one hundred dollars (\$100) per month for single retirees and one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per month for married retirees who have their families with them in the Philippines. It should be emphasized that this proposal does not increase the number of personnel who are authorized to purchase at these outlets but simply increases the purchase limit. In addition, purchases will continue to be restricted to basic and essential consumption items.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.