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INCOMING

*MBK*

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 28, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ANTONIO MONROIG

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE  
PHILIPPINES AND THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTION

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
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S/S # 8607285

DATE March 20, 1986

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: VADM John M. Poindexter  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Mr. Antonio Monroig  
DATE: 2/14/86 SUBJECT: U.S. Policy toward  
Philippines

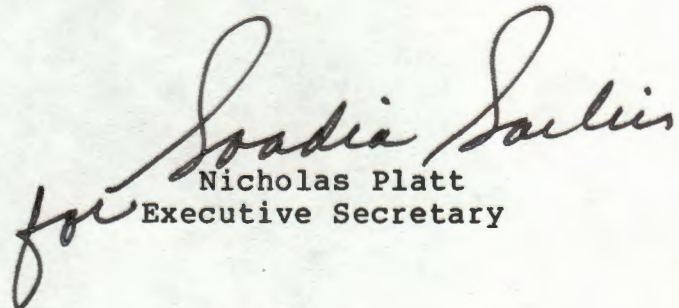
WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 3/6/86 NSC # 378262

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:

*for*   
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

MAR 20 1986

Mr. Antonio Monroig  
Wolf, Arnold & Monroig  
1900 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Monroig:

I am replying to your February 14 letter to President Reagan regarding U.S. policy toward recent events in the Philippines.

The U.S. Government maintained strict neutrality in the Philippine elections, consistently urging that they be free and fair. Nevertheless, the elections were marred by widespread fraud and violence, and the results were not credible to the Filipino people.

The events following the elections and leading to the transition to a new government in the Philippines are now history. The United States moved quickly to recognize the Aquino Government. In a February 25 statement announcing the U.S. position, Secretary Shultz noted that President Reagan was pleased with the peaceful transition. He characterized recent events in the Philippines as "one of the most stirring and courageous examples of the democratic process in modern history."

The United States stands ready to assist in Filipino efforts to deal with the problems their country faces. The way to restore peace and prosperity has always been through political, economic, and military reforms. The country faces major economic and security problems, including a dangerous communist insurgency. We are consulting with the Aquino Government to assess needs and determine how we can be helpful.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George B. High".

George B. High  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of Public Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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MARCH 6, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 378262

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 14, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE ANTONIO MONROIG  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FAIR  
HOUSING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON DC 00000

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE  
PHILIPPINES AND THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL  
ELECTION

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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BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

A Kingon  
14 Feb. 1986

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

Dear Mr. Reagan:

For an admirer of your presidency, your stand on the situation at the Phillipines was a hard pill to swallow, during your recent press conference.

Mr Marcos is a ruthless dictator that has murdered not only his opponents but also the principles of democracy. Your statements on the election were such a surprise! Defending the Phillipine election as a valid expression of Phillipine will its like validating the Poland and Nicaragua elections.

Mr. President you have taken strong positions and made difficult decisions to sustain

democracy. you are wonderful in Angola, Grenada  
Nicaragua and Afghanistan but the Philippines  
and South Africa are big mistakes that take  
away from our credibility in defending  
true democracy.

The only big winner of the Philippine  
election mockery will be the Communist insurgents

I hope you will rectify your position

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 2, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD K. PETERSON

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN *WFM*

SUBJECT: State proposed report on S. 1843, a bill to establish a commission to monitor and evaluate elections in the Philippines

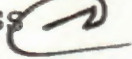
The NSC has reviewed and concurs in the above State proposed report.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

December 2, 1985

ACTION


MEMORANDUM FOR BILL MARTIN

FROM: DICK CHILDRESS 

SUBJECT: State Proposed Report on S. 1843

Recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Sigur and Sable concur.

Approve 

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

Tab I Martin/Peterson Memorandum  
Tab II OMB Incoming Correspondence

cc: Sigur  
Sable

National Security Council  
The White House

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cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please phone in to Peter  
office NSC concurrence*

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FROM PETERSON, R

DOCDATE 02 DEC 85

KEYWORDS: PHILIPPINES

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL

SUBJECT: STATE PROPOSED RPT ON S-1843 RE MONITOR & EVALUATE ELECTIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

ACTION: MEMO MARTIN TO PETERSON DUE: 02 DEC 85 STATUS S FILES WH

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

December 2, 1985

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**SPECIAL**

LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Liaison Officer-  
National Security Council ✓

SUBJECT: State proposed report on S. 1843, a bill to  
establish a commission to monitor and evaluate  
elections in the Philippines.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your  
agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship  
to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular  
A-19.

A response to this request for your views is needed no later than  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Questions should be referred to Sue Thau  
the legislative analyst in this office.

(395-7300),

*Ronald K. Peterson*  
RONALD K. PETERSON FOR  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference

Enclosures  
cc: J. Barie

**SPECIAL**



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in reply to your request for an Executive Branch position on Senator Kennedy's proposed bill S.1843, "to establish a commission to monitor and evaluate elections in the Philippines."

The Executive Branch welcomes in principle the sending of U.S. observers to monitor the proposed presidential election in the Philippines in early 1986. President Marcos has indicated his willingness to have foreign observers present and we believe they can enhance mechanisms aimed at ensuring a free and fair election as well as improve our own understanding.

However, the formation of a formal U.S. commission to monitor Philippine elections would not be well received in the Philippines. It would appear patronizing and colonialistic, no matter how well intended. There is already a Philippine independent citizens group of proven effectiveness -- the National Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) -- which mobilized more than two hundred thousand concerned citizens to monitor the 1984 parliamentary elections. As a result those were the fairest in the Philippines in recent memory. Since there are more than 90,000 polling places in the forthcoming election, no outside group could hope to be as effective as can NAMFREL if that organization is permitted to function freely.

Furthermore, it is our view that considerable effort would have to be brought to bear in the Philippines to win acceptance of a formal foreign monitoring organization. If the proposed bill is passed, we would thus be using capital to win acceptance of the monitors which we believe at this juncture should be devoted to the key structural issues which will do much to determine the ultimate fairness and credibility of the elections. If NAMFREL functions effectively, and informal election observers supplement our own diplomatic efforts and the expectedly intense media attention, we believe that we will have a sound basis for judging the credibility of the elections.

Therefore, the Executive Branch opposes S.1843. I shall keep in close touch as the situation evolves in the Philippines, particularly with regard to our recommendation whether the Congress should send observers to the election in response to President Marcos' invitation.

The Honorable  
Richard G. Lugar,  
Chairman,  
Committee on Foreign Relations  
United States Senate.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that from the standpoint of the Administration's program there is no objection to the submission of this report.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III  
Assistant Secretary  
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

99TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1843

To establish a commission to monitor and evaluate elections in the Philippines.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7 (legislative day, NOVEMBER 4), 1985

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

To establish a commission to monitor and evaluate elections in the Philippines.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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### FINDINGS

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SECTION 1 (a) The Congress finds that—

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(1) the Government of the Republic of the Philip-

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pines has announced its intention to hold elections in

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early 1986;

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(2) it is in the security interests of the United

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States as well as in the interests of the people of the

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Philippines to encourage free and fair elections and a

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return to democracy in that country;



1 (3) it is essential for the Congress, determining  
2 future aid levels to the Philippines, to know whether  
3 these elections are free, fair, open, and honest; and

4 (4) section 116(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act  
5 of 1961 authorizes and encourages the President to use  
6 not less than \$3,000,000 for openly carrying out pro-  
7 grams and activities to encourage or promote increased  
8 adherence to civil and political rights, as set forth in  
9 the Universal Declaration of Human rights, in coun-  
10 tries currently eligible for assistance.

11 ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION COMMISSION

12 SEC. 2 (a) There is established a United States Commis-  
13 sion on Elections in the Philippines (hereafter in this bill re-  
14 ferred to as the "commission") to observe and monitor elec-  
15 tions in the Philippines. The commission shall be composed of  
16 members having experience in the monitoring of elections,  
17 knowledge and understanding of international human rights,  
18 and knowledge of the Philippines;

19 (b) No member of the commission shall be a Member of  
20 the Congress or the executive branch of the Federal Govern-  
21 ment; and

22 (c) The commission shall consist of six members appoint-  
23 ed as follows—

24 (1) two individuals appointed by the Senate in  
25 consultation with the majority and minority leaders of  
26 the Senate;

1           (2) two individuals appointed by the House of  
2 Representatives in consultation with the Speaker and  
3 minority leader of the House of Representatives;

4           (3) two individuals appointed by the President,  
5 one of whom shall be designated by the President as  
6 chairperson of the commission; and

7           (d) The members of the commission are encouraged to  
8 monitor as many polling places as feasible on the day of any  
9 election.

10          (e) The commission may employ and fix the compensa-  
11 tion of such staff as it may require. Funds authorized to be  
12 available under section 116(e)(1) of the Foreign Assistance  
13 Act of 1961 may be available for the necessary expenses of  
14 the commission.

15                                       REPORTS OF THE COMMISSION

16          SEC. 3(a) Not later than thirty days after the appoint-  
17 ment of its members, the commission shall submit to the Con-  
18 gress a report setting forth its preliminary findings regarding  
19 the electoral process in the Philippines and assessing—

20                 (1) the existence of an objective election commit-  
21 tee accredited by the Government of the Philippines to  
22 oversee and direct the elections;

23                 (2) the capacity and willingness of the Philippine  
24 Armed Forces to enforce the election process in a fair  
25 and objective manner; and

1           (3) the access of all political parties and candi-  
2           dates to the media, including print, radio, and televi-  
3           sion; and

4           (4) an assessment of the ability of parties and  
5           nonpartisan groups to monitor the balloting in all re-  
6           gions of the country.

7           (b) Not later than thirty days after the date of any elec-  
8           tion in the Philippines, the commission shall submit to the  
9           Congress a report evaluating, with respect to such election—

10           (1) the integrity of the ballot process, including  
11           whether the candidate or party that received the pro-  
12           portion of the vote prescribed by law was permitted to  
13           assume office and power;

14           (2) the ability of all the citizens of the Philippines  
15           to participate in the political process, including their  
16           right to a secret vote and their right to be elected to  
17           office; and

18           (3) the respect for the rights of freedom of expres-  
19           sion, freedom of association, and freedom of assembly  
20           during the campaign, including—

21           (A) whether the campaign period was ade-  
22           quate to permit political organizing and campaign-  
23           ing and to inform citizens about the candidates  
24           and issues; and

1           (B) the access of all parties to the media, in-  
2           cluding print, radio, and television, and citizens'  
3           ability to receive such information from the media.

4           (4) the role of the accredited election committee  
5           and its performance in overseeing and directing the  
6           elections; and

7           (5) the effectiveness and fairness of the role of the  
8           armed forces in the electoral process.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 23, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY OSBORNE

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN *Bue*

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from Quasha

We recommend no reply be sent to the letter from Mr. <sup>William</sup> Quasha, re Philippines  
His observations are quite sensitive and he has indicated his desire to maintain anonymity. During the period leading up to the election, any reply that might leak has a high probability of being misconstrued.

Attachment

Tab A 12/20/85 Letter from Quasha to the President

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
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Bill Martin

I have talked with Cathy Osborne about this. Pls arrange for NSC to answer directly when ever appropriate

*[Signature]*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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pls consider for  
staffing!  
AG.

A: Segin

C: Childress

McDonnell

"appropriate action" -

(pls. provide memos -

Ostromer memo says what

suggested action is - re whether to respond.)

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

January 21, 1986

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BILL MARTIN

FROM: DICK CHILDRESS *PC*  
SUBJECT: Letter to the President

Recommend you sign the memorandum at Tab I to Kathy Osborne.

*GS* *RM*  
Sigur, McDaniel (telephonic) concur.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment

Tab I Martin/Osborne Memorandum  
Tab A Quasha 12/20/85 Letter to the President  
Tab II NSC Staffing Notecc: Sigur  
McDaniel



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

**TO:** John Poindexter

**FROM:** **KATHY OSBORNE**  
**Personal Secretary**  
**to the President**

**DATE:** 1-15-86

Is this something your office  
can handle.... thanks.

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QUASHA ASPERILLA ANCHETA PEÑA MARCOS & NOLASCO

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AT WASHINGTON DC & STATE OF VIRGINIA

F. B. DE LOS SANTOS  
PATENT AGENT

WRITERS DIRECT DIAL NO.:

20 December 1985

The President of the United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

May I take the liberty of re-introducing myself? I had the privilege of meeting you at the Akasaka Palace in Tokyo in November 1983 during your visit to Japan. I was an invitee because I was the country chairman of the Republicans Abroad, Philippines. Early this year after having stepped down from that position, I was elected chairman of the Asia-Pacific Region of Republicans Abroad. I am a Republican Eagle. During WWII I was on General McArthur's staff for four years. After my separation from active duty in February 1946, I returned to the Philippines as a civilian to open my law office. In a few months I will have been practicing law here for 40 years, the only non-Filipino allowed to practice. To that can be added the time I spent in the Army during the liberation of the Philippines to compute the length of my Philippine experience.

In addition to an active practice, I am also involved in numerous civic and church activities. For over 10 years I have been President of St. Luke's Hospital, a charitable and non-profit institution. I am also a Past Department Commander of the American Legion, a Past Grand Master of Masons and a retired army officer. I mention these facts not for the purpose of bringing myself to your attention, but to qualify myself as a person on whom I feel you can rely on for an opinion regarding Philippine-American relations.

The purpose of this letter is to voice my deep concern about what I regard to be a deterioration in Philippine-American relations. In my view we Americans have repeatedly been victims of our own psyche. Time and again we have confused our attitudes, our hopes and aspirations for people we love causing us to act in a manner contrary to what rational self-interest would dictate.

./.

The President of the United States of America  
The White House, Washington, D.C.  
20 December 1985

We blundered in Vietnam and in Iran. I would like to think that if you had been our President in those days, history would have been different and better.

I have been your ardent supporter all these years for many reasons. One has special relevance at this time. You have stuck to your friends and you have not allowed yourself to be swayed by the unreal and illusory. Your common sense has made you one of the great leaders of our time. It is to this aspect that I address myself.

For several years the left wing press in the U.S. has been beating drums in what I regard as an attempt to destabilize the regime of President Marcos. A recent article in the Asian Wall Street Journal commented on this "drumbeating" and the word used to characterize the article was "mad." Some senators, congressmen and others have become increasingly articulate in attacking President Marcos. The worst of the lot, of course, is Mr. Solarz; but he is not alone. This worries me. Although I see no danger that their efforts to undermine the Philippine Government will be successful, it is my opinion that the U.S. Government will be perceived as being hostile to the Philippine Government. More importantly, it will be seen as interference in the ensuing national elections. The backlash from this could be extremely damaging.

Paradoxically, the beneficiaries of American interference are readily identifiable as enemies of America. For example, former Senator Lorenzo Tanada, a mainstay of Mrs. Cory Aquino, is an arch-enemy of American presence in the Philippines. He wants our American military facilities eliminated, and he would like to see the nuclear power plant stopped for good (I have absolutely no connection with this enterprise). He failed in his efforts over the years to become President of the Philippines, but he has been perceived as one person who hopes to be the "power" behind Mrs. Aquino. There are many people who are regarded as sure powerhouses if she were to become president. One of these is Mr. Jaime Ongpin. Some people think of Mr. Ongpin as a businessman of good repute. I do not share this favorable impression of Mr. Ongpin as I am fully aware of his proclivities from several cases I have handled where he and his company are involved. He has been one of the loudest critics of President Marcos and a most vocal support of Mrs. Aquino. I feel that if Mrs. Aquino

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came to power Mr. Ongpin would be far worse than some of the people whom Americans have been criticizing President Marcos for tolerating.

The point is not merely that Mrs. Aquino is concededly incompetent from any rational consideration and point of view to become President of the Philippines, or that America would be very hard put to try to deal with her. The point is, we Americans have no business in trying to tip the scales in the Philippine electoral process because not only may we tip it the wrong way, but in the end - and this is the second paradox - that we will be hated not only by the losers but also by the winners in the election. America is still being criticized for interfering in the election of 1953 when the late President Magsaysay defeated the late President Quirino.

There are many people here from the United States who want to insure that the forthcoming elections will be conducted fairly. My point is that the Filipinos themselves are determined that this will happen and that we should leave it to them.

Time and again I have read that if we had tried in Iran and had identified ourselves with the present leadership prior to the fall of the Shah, we might have had more influence there now. I am not competent to pass on this but something tells me that is not true. Perhaps, we were seen as favoring the Shah, and maybe we were seen as having brought him down. My point is that Americans should not be leaning one way or the other when a regime of a friendly ally is under fire.

America has represented to President Marcos through numerous channels that it wants to see free and open elections on February 7. I think President Marcos has every intention of seeing to it that there will be free and open elections. He is fully aware that unless there is such a perception that elections are going to be free and open, that he himself will suffer. One must remember in that connection that partisan politics in the Philippines is not a powder-puff game. The late Senator Laurel lost in the 1949 Presidential elections to President Quirino, a stalwart of the Liberal Party at that time. But then, one of the key leaders of President Quirino said to me, "Oh, we did that for you Americans."

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I thought it was disgraceful that Americans should have been seen, even though falsely, to have been favoring the election of President Quirino. The history of the Philippines could have been much more conducive to the type of a Philippines we would like to see if Senator Laurel had been elected. We in America keep reminding ourselves that we cannot play God, yet many of our congressmen and senators and some people in administrative positions are coming on so strong about what is happening here and what they want to happen that they are in effect siding with President Marcos's opponents. America cannot afford to be engaging in any activity whatsoever that will be seen to be a tilt against the regime because America has to be seen as a true friend and ally. It cannot be seen as being a force for neo-colonialism which is what we are constantly being accused of. The whirlwind which we can expect if we are not judicious and not extremely careful can ruin our relations and can cause a deterioration of a relationship which has been carefully nurtured over the past 85 years.

Unfortunately, much of the good advice that we want to give the Philippines comes across as being paternalistic and even coercive. Here is an election about to take place in the Philippines and prominent senators and congressmen are said to be making a study as to how American military aid will be spent here. This is no time for published statements about an investigation of that sort. It can only be seen as an effort to influence the elections. This is no time to be working on a reduction of aid to the Philippines when indeed the country is really under adverse economic influences because of the low prices of copper, coconut oil and sugar, the three main export products of the Philippines. I am fully aware that many of the points I have raised are not within your specific field of influence, but I am appealing to you to use your power and influence to see that America comes across as not trying to bring down President Marcos.

I trust you will understand that I myself cannot be seen to be participating in any way in political activities pertaining to the Philippines. The Philippines has been very generous in allowing us Republicans to conduct our campaign for our own candidates among our citizens. This is not always possible in

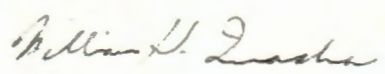
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The White House, Washington, D.C.  
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many countries which are thought to be democratic. Consequently,  
I am taking precautions to see to it that this letter receives  
no publicity nor do I expect to gain any advantage from it.

Please accept my very best wishes for your continued good health  
and success.

Respectfully yours,



WILLIAM H. QUASHA

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FROM QUASHA, WILLIAM H

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
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S/S 8605143

Date March 6, 1986.

For: VADM John M. Poindexter  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Dr. and Mrs. Tomas Ramos

Date: 2/12/86 Subject: Death of Evelio Javier

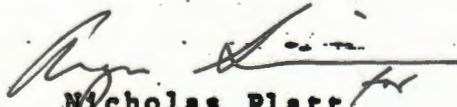
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Remarks:

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 6, 1986

Dr. and Mrs. Tomas Ramos  
Tonetta Lake Park  
Brewster NY 10509

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Ramos:

The President has asked me to reply on his behalf to your telegram of February 12 concerning the tragic death of your cousin, Evelio Javier.

Soon after his death, the Department of State issued a statement strongly deploring his murder and calling on the Philippine authorities to investigate and bring to trial those believed responsible. The American Embassy in Manila issued a similar statement. With the recent change in government in the Philippines, we are hopeful that his killers will be found and brought to justice.

Many of us here at the Department of State and at the U.S. Embassy in Manila knew Evelio personally and were shocked and saddened by his murder. Evelio Javier is now a symbol of the democratic ideals he believed in and defended. His death was certainly an inspiration to his countrymen who in turn risked their lives in the defense of democracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John P. Finney".

John D. Finney  
Acting Director  
Office of Philippine Affairs

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: DR. AND MRS. TOMAS RAMOS  
TONETTA LAKE PARK  
BREWSTER NY 10509

SUBJECT: CLAIMS THAT HIS COUSIN, EVELIO JAVIER, WAS  
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# A Leading Marcos Foe Is Chased Across Town Square and Killed



Reuters

**Evelio Javier**

By FRANCIS X. CLINES

Special to The New York Times

SAN JOSE DE BUENAVISTA, the Philippines, Feb. 11 — A leading member of the nation's political opposition was chased by masked gunmen across the town square here this morning and shot dead after he was trapped in a backyard outhouse.

"Run! Run!" witnesses said they shouted when six gunmen leveled rifles at their target, Evelio Javier, a former Governor of Antique Province and an outspoken critic of the Government of President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

### 'See if They Have Proof'

The provincial Governor, Enrique Zaldivar, said he had protectively hidden witnesses who saw the gunmen flee in an jeep belonging to Arturo Pacificador, the National Assembly majority leader. Mr. Pacificador was in Manila today, leading the floor fight to certify Mr. Marcos as victor in the election vote canvass.

"That is a lie," Mr. Pacificador said in an interview, when told of Governor Zaldivar's report that his maroon jeep had been used in the killing.

"Let's see if they have proof," the assemblyman said.

"I condemn the action of whoever perpetrated this," he added, urging a "full-blown investigation to solve the case as speedily as possible."

The killing of Mr. Javier, 43 years

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Date 06 MAR 1986

For: VADM John M. Ppindexter  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Senator Nunn

Date: February 13, 1986 Subject: Philippine Elections

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

MAR 5 1986

Dear Senator Nunn:

The President has asked me to reply on his behalf to your letter of February 13 in which you urged that the U.S. government condemn the fraud that took place during the Philippine election.

As you know, the President issued a statement on February 15 in which he noted that the Philippine elections "were marred by widespread fraud and violence perpetrated largely by the ruling party." The statement went on to say that the election's credibility had been called into question.

The events subsequent to the President's statement are now history. A new government is in place in the Philippines. The Filipino people, through their courageous commitment to democracy, brought about this transition nonviolently in a way that does them honor.

The Department of State looks forward to close consultations with Congress on the question of how best the U.S. can assist the government of President Aquino in the restoration of a prosperous and stable Philippines.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

51  
James W. Dyer  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable  
Sam Nunn,  
United States Senate.

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FROM: THE HONORABLE SAM NUNN  
UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON DC 20510

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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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February 19, 1986

Dear Senator Nunn:

On President Reagan's behalf, I would like to thank you for your February 13 letter outlining your concern regarding the recent Philippine presidential election.

Your specific recommendations have been conveyed to the President and the appropriate advisory staff members for prompt attention. In the interim, let me assure you that your statement of concern is appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

H. B. Oglesby, Jr.  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Sam Nunn  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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State - for DIRECT response through NSC

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Kathy

Sam Nunn's office delivered this  
to me today. I pass to you  
for processing. We have copy  
to consider here. Believe  
my plan on a public release  
at some point.

Dick Childers  
# 3576



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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 13, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my profound concern over recent events in the Philippines and the increasing possibility that American interests in that country may be permanently damaged.

Senator Laxalt's visit, as your personal emissary to President Marcos, helped stimulate the election which was held on Friday, February 7. By sending a delegation headed by Senator Lugar to observe the elections, you conveyed to President Marcos and the Philippine people the United States' deep concern for fair and honest elections and for the future of democracy in the Philippines.

A remarkable event, unprecedented in third world nations, has occurred. In spite of government controlled news media, government controlled election officials, massive government campaign expenditures, and the use of the military to intimidate voters, the Philippine people have expressed their desires at the ballot box for a change of leadership. Both direct and circumstantial evidence leads to an inescapable conclusion: the Philippine people want President Marcos out and they have elected Corazon Aquino as President.

By all accounts, President Marcos or forces allied with him are in the process of making an all out effort to steal the election by massive fraud, intimidation and murder. The question remaining is simple but crucial: will President Marcos be allowed to steal the election?

If President Marcos is successful in taking away the election by fraud, I believe that it will be a disaster for American interests in the Pacific. The Church has turned against him, the business community has turned against him, and the people have turned against him - he has lost his legitimacy as a leader.

Can the United States prevent this tragedy from occurring? I do not know the answer, but I do believe strongly that we must be "caught trying." If we are not perceived as being unalterably opposed to this election fraud - the United States itself will become a target of the hostility of the Philippine people. We

risk losing the support of the entire younger generation of Filipinos, who have known only a recent steady deterioration of the economy under Marcos. Thirty percent of the villages are already controlled by the communists. As the youth and middle class citizens turn against their government, the communist insurgency will be greatly strengthened.

I respectfully suggest that three steps be taken immediately:

1. Issue clear statements from you and other top administration officials that the fraud has been massive and that it was perpetuated overwhelmingly by President Marcos and his allies.
2. Issue a clear statement from Washington that we will not regard a false election result as valid and that we could not continue to support President Marcos under those circumstances.
3. Issue a notification that United States aid to the Philippines will be terminated if the will of the Philippine voters, as expressed at the ballot box, is not followed.

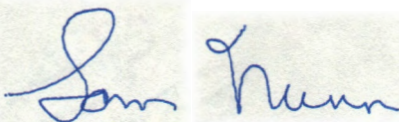
I believe the vast majority of the American people and Congress support these clear statements of U.S. principle.

Mr. President, I believe you are correct in your assessment that the Naval Base at Subic Bay and the Air Base at Clark Field are extremely important to United States security interests in the Pacific. These bases can serve us effectively only if the Philippine people want us there. We do not need a Guantanamo-East.

Your actions in the next few days may well determine whether the Philippines will eventually and inevitably fall under the control of the communist insurgency. I agree with your recent astute observation that "The communist strategy can be defeated. But defeating it will require listening to and respecting the sovereign voice of the people."

I stand ready to support you as you follow this important principle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Nunn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sam Nunn