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DURING THE TALK TO TROOPS

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To the officers and men of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and the members and officers of the PNP, magandang gabi sa inyong lahat. It's sunset time.

First of all, I'll read my speech later on.

First of all, nagpapasalamat ako sa inyo for the sacrifice that you have shown for the love of country. *[Could you give a tikas pahinga order? 'Yung CO?]*

I know that you have this distinct honor of offering your life for the country. And that is why, sa akin naman is I do everything at least to make your life comfortable, for you and your family.

And rest assured na kung ano mang mangyari sa buhay, may kanya-kanya tayong destiny eh, ang pamilya ninyo will be taken cared of.

And of course, libre na ang edukasyon ngayon, we have plans of, not really selling, but ibibigay ko sa inyo 'yung kampo, ang --- a large por--- ito sa Bonifacio, pwede ninyong lease lang, 60 years, another 60 years.

At I want it done this year, at 'yung pera, para hindi na maulit 'yung kagaya noon, the proceeds will go directly to you.

Ang gusto lang kasi ng --- itong Finance Officer --- Finance Secretary natin, si --- ayaw niya 'yung --- meron na kayong dati, you are not members of the GSIS, so you have your own procedure there.

Pero ang gusto ni Sonny Dominguez na 'yung kikitain diyan for lease lang at bilyon 'yan, kung maging bagong --- parang --- kita mo ang Taguig. That cannot be sold, that can only be leased to, I said for 60, another 60 and lahat ng pera diyan didiretso na sa inyo, payable.

Gusto ni Dominguez GSIS-style pero para sa inyong pulis lang pati sa Armed Forces.

I cannot argue with the guy because he knows the ins and outs. Itong si Dominguez is the son-in-law --- 'yung Andrews Air Base ninyo, he was the Air Force retired officer.

So alam niya 'yung mga nuances, sabi niya na this will ensure na right away kayo na ang mag-negotiate, all I have to do is just to give you the --- ibigay ko 'yung authority sa inyo at kayo na

ang magpatakbo, including, I said, upon the insistence of the finance officer, from whereof I know he speaks maybe the impractical terms kaya 'yun ang gawin natin.

But 'yung pera ninyo, [and?] like before, didiretso 'yan sa GSIS ninyo, sort of.

And I said, 'yung needs ninyo, right after the Marawi siege, I released about 500 million for medical intervention after treatment, 'yung wounded. And so there's no reason why you should not be patients with available medicines because I --- tinignan kong mabuti na merong pera kaagad.

So 500 million ni-release ko. It's being handled by retired General Si Mac --- *[is he the one?]* Macario. And for the AFP, kumpleto na 'yan, lahat ng equipment binili ko na.

And ang V. Luna meron silang, well, I modernized it then I gave you a new building inside doon sa medical compound and a 50 million for each, every month.

So 50 million AFP, 50 million sa V. Luna, excluding the 500 million intervention fund, for steel ano, mabali ang kamay, and even prosthetics.

Prosthetics sabi ko titanium, and that is very expensive but that is the one that I ordered, it's very light, it's very durable at ano lang, parang frame *[unclear]* na 'yan eh and wala 'yung plastic.

Well for those who are unlucky. But I know that you are all lucky because you are all still here in front of me.

So 'yan lang ang magawa ko rin para sa inyo. And at no other time, under any President na almost, not really pampered, but binibigay ko lahat, everything. Pati 'yung sa armas, though limited ang source natin, it can only be, sabi ko, one or two countries lang, especially the --- itong mga equipment for spying ika-nga.

So 'yan ang innovations diyan but you should not be afraid of anything, I'll always be with you.

And also Marawi, I flew in nine times, I even took off twice sa gabi just to be with you and to see to it, I said, that even in fighting and waging a war you are comfortable.

So 'yan ang gusto ko lang ma-ano sa inyo. I'm not trying to cultivate or nurture a --- 'yung loyalty sa tao. Do not do that, you remain loyal to the flag of the Philippines. That represents the Filipino nation and the Constitution.

Wala akong ano ha, I'm not trying to --- wala na rin ako after this, I'm no longer eligible for to run under any public office. So I'm just trying my best to do what the Constitution says me to do.

Bantay kayo diyan sa ano, I'm trying to enlist also the help of former police officers assigned in Mindanao where the Sparrows are most active, na nagbibigay ako ng armas, there's always the caveat, the warning na bantay kayo sa Sparrow.

And we lo --- we lose every day, I don't know kung nabigyan na kayo ng armas, but we lose every day about two, three, four soldiers diyan sa Sparrow na 'yan, pati 'yung sa droga, another two, three --- two, three ang average ko na pulis na namamatay, everyday 'yan sa briefer ko.

So be careful of the Sparrows at there are policemen, retired or active going around and some of them are also former NPAs, meron 'yan silang short, it could be good just also to listen.

Kagaya ng, alam mo na, meron naman kayong cellphone lahat. Pag gising mo, picturan mo 'yung labas mo, 'yung larawan ng harap ng bahay mo, 'yung kanto, and pagkain mo, ligo, pagkatapos picturan mo ulit tapos --- makita mo 'yung dalawa, tatlo, apat tapos tignan mo 'yung baba, teleskopyohin mo, mga lima, anim, pitong sigarilyo na diyan, matagal nang nagi-istambay 'yan.

Or 'yang magsakay dito tapos babalik doon, eh sa isang kanto bababa tapos sakay na naman and they keep on watching.

Or iba 'yung mag-identify sa iyo, pagkatapos nandiyan ipasa, itatapon doon sa --- 'yung bibira.

So those are the things which you have to be very, very careful, especially kung may baril kayo. And you have to --- that is why may TienDA ng Bayan.

In one of the Cabinet meetings, I was complaining to my Cabinet members, including the military na kung bakit marami akong sundalong namamatay namamalengke, pati pulis.

Eh sabi ko, "pinagbabaril 'to parang aso eh," namamalengke na nga 'yung tao, wala namang dala.

So sabi ko, "you have to come up with something," sabi ko, "I cannot accept that kind of --- na basta na lang babasahin ko gabi-gabi 'yung patay. Do something about it." So there was this proposal from Secretary Piñol, sabi niya 'yung TienDA ng Bayan.

So dito, just be careful of sabotage. Dito, 'yung mga taga-pabili ng --- identified previously by the Intelligence to be good, they'll be allowed to come here to sell their wares, parang market day.

And merong imbento ngayon ang Aboitiz na manok, and would you believe it, araw-araw nag iitlog.

So 'yan, kayong mga ano --- so merong bago ngayon na de lata, may pagkain na, may ulam. So except, I think, sabi ko do not --- chicken lang pati beef. Good for two years ang expiry.

So 'yan and pwedeng baunin ninyo kung saan kayo mamasyal but ang delikado sa inyo 'yung armas. Be careful, 'wag kayong magtindig-tindig diyan sa tindahan.

'Yung sundalo kasi minsan pumupunta doon kasi, eh kapitbahay niya, magi-istambay doon sa ano. Be careful kasi active sila ngayon pero humihina.

At no other time na nagsu-surrender sila na may armas. Sa NPA talaga taboo 'yan, bawal at papatayin ka talaga.

And that is the reason why I have given the warning also na --- eh kayong mga NPA marami kayo eh, so everybody would know that you're the one. Ini --- binibira nila 'yung mga Sparrow, 'yung nag-surrender ng armas. Ang sabi ko, "well, tutal malaman ko rin eh, and I would return the favor to you."

Alam mo bakit? Wala ng mag-surrender kung ganun. Wala ng armas. Kaya sabi ko, tutal marami man kaming deep penetration diyan sa inyo, I would know you and maybe do it to you also.

Ganun ang gagawin ko sa inyo kasi sina --- sinasamantala niyo 'yung --- akala ninyo hindi namin alam.

But when the day comes at nag --- pinalabas namin 'yan, it starts to talk, then I would know that you were the one who did it.

Pero bantay kayo sa akin, talagang --- talagang yayariin ko kayo. Because you know, kung hindi ko gawain 'yan, wala nang mag-surrender, takot na lahat.

But anyway, even in the Eastern Mindanao, maraming nagsu-surrender. I just would like also to visit Jolo someday or Basilan, titignan ko lang kung ginagawa pa rin dito.

Because what I'm promising the --- 'yung mga nag-surrender --- Moro or Kristiyanos, NPA, basta mag-surrender kayo, meron kayong bahay, I'll start the construction.

Meron ba ditong construction sa --- *[Bong, ilang? 'Yung sa military? Saan banda?]* Pero ilayo ko kayo, eh kung tuparon ta mo, ah wala. Pinusilay na pagkaugma.

(TRANSLATION: Because if you will be placed in the same location, you will be shooting with guns against each other the following day.)

[Is this safe? This is a safe place?] You'll have 1,000 units, I think before, early next year or… mabilis 'to, kagaya sa Marawi eh.

I'm building 'yung sa Scout Rangers sa Bulacan tapos na. Dito sa Davao it's about almost 1,000.

At ang reklamo kasi ninyo, maliit at... I agree with you. It was really… *[ilan 'yun, 24?]* Mura man to'g mausoleum sa cemetery. Kay kinsa may ganahan ato, mura to'g lubong. *(It looked like a mausoleum in the cemetery. Who would want something that's similar to a burial site?)*

So I'm giving you 64 --- 60 square meters ang... Kontento na kayo. Lalo na sa bagong asawa. You will have 1,000 of it. You have 1,000 in Davao, Mati, Baguio.

Sa... 'yung mga Ranger, nakita ninyo halos --- mga ilang mga...? Almost about a fourth matata --- tapos na.

Tarlac, bago ako nag-ano. These were all --- Huwag 'yung sa Tugbok, kay sa NPA 'yun. Meron rin kasi akong --- mga --- 'yung nag-surrender. That's why I want to go there to find out what we are offering to the NPAs, same with the Moro.

Trabaho then bigyan ko sila ng bahay. And they will learn skills from TESDA. It's headed by a Maranao ang TESDA eh. Si Mamondiong.

So 'yun ang paturuin ko ng livelihood. Mga... Siguro mga... Ang fishermen, mga Tausug, bangka. Punuon nimo'g dynamita aron sige'g pabuto diha sa... Hurot isda nato. *(Fill their boats with dynamite so they will continue with their dynamite fishing and then we won't have any fish left anymore.)*

So 'yun ang ano ko. But sabi ko kay General Galvez, I'll find time to go there para ma --- And I promised also Governor Tan.

Alam mo, sa totoo lang, okay man 'yang giyera but I am not --- I am a President. I am not a soldier or a policeman and my duty is to seek peace.

Kaya kung makipag-usap sila, ready ako anytime. Medyo mainit lang ako dito sa sagutan namin sa NPA kasi...

You know, there's a talk between us and pati sila, sa Netherlands. Lahat ng papel ng workshop nila, binibigyan ako. Plus 'yung kanila mismong tao, kasi mga kaibigan ko, pati sila Bello.

You know, at the end of the day, pagbasa ko, they want a coalition government.

Because in this country, we are a democracy. Ang sabi ng Constitution, ang sabi ng flag, we have the sovereignty as a people.

But since we cannot exercise that sovereign power at all times together, we give it to people who are elected by the nation.

So maski na ang napili mo son of a b**** na Presidente, eh kung 'yun ang pinili ng tao, wala tayong magawa. We'll just bear it and obey him if --- 'wag naman 'yang illegal o unlawful.

If it's a --- ang atin naman is one, is to protect the people; second is to preserve the nation. 'Yan lang man ang tanungin mo. Is it to preserve the nation? Is it to protect the people? Hanggang diyan lang tayo eh.

And you obey, sabi ko, maski sinong elected diyan. It could be the mayor. Ayaw natin ang ugali. But then what can we do?

We're not also allowed to kill him. Pwera 'yung mga mayors na sumobra talaga. And that's why I'm renewing the warning to mayors: Huwag kayong mag-kumpiyansa sa 'yang ginagawa ninyo.

Do not feel so invulnerable na pati 'yung mga pulis ninyo pinapatay ninyo. And you are using the Office of the Mayor as your platform for drugs distribution. At talagang hihiritan kita. Hihiritan kita because you are destroying the nation.

Ang unang problema natin is terrorism. We'll just have to meet that challenge.

Now, if it grows bigger and bigger, then we'll have to also grow bigger than --- much more bigger than what they have.

Sa droga, sinabi ko na, "destroy." Sabi ko sa noong mayor ako ng Davao, pati Presidente ako, napaka-bugok naman nitong mga Human Rights. I said, "do not destroy my country or my city for that matter noon because I will kill you. And do not destroy the young or the youth of this land because I will kill you."

Natural. Anong gawain ko? You are destroying 'yang --- Ang sabi ko sa law enforcement pati sa inyo, "Destroy the organizations of the drug syndicates. Destroy the apparatus."

Kung hindi pa kayo tanga kayong mga human rights, destroying is physically dismantling a structure or killing people. Saan ka makakita dito ng drug campaign to destroy tapos wala ka --- Tapos ngayon eh...

Kaya sabi ko, "Ganito 'yan eh. P***** i**** g*** na ito." 'Yung si… 'yung chief nila. Kaya sinabi ko na, "Umalis kayo dito."

You know, sabi ko sa --- Lahat kayo. Nagalit sila kasi ang advise is, "Do not answer questions from them." And that is for a reason, legal.

That is provided for in the Constitution itself. Our Constitution. Kay sinabi ko, "Iiwan mo na lang sa akin. Eh magpuntahan dito 'yung mga g***." May mga buwaya ba dito? ‘Yung kumakain talaga ng tao. Doon mo itapon ang mga p*****... b***** ‘to.

Alam mo, sabi nila they are investigating us. Por Dios, kayong mga ugok, if you are investigating us, the rule sa criminal law is any statement or answer that you may give might incriminate you.

Eh 'pag nabitawan mo 'yang magtanong-tanong sila, free willing ka mag-ano, eh recorded, eh ikaw mismo, 'pag tinawag ka na doon, you are bound by your anong pinagdadaldal mo.

Kaya the best way is just to keep silent. Sabihin mo lang, "May Commander-in-Chief man." ‘Di ba sinabi ko na sa inyo? I take full responsibility.

Magtrabaho lang kayo in the performance of your duty within the bounds of the law. Wala akong sinabi na patayin ninyo 'yung mga u*** na 'yan nakatalikod o nakaluhod.

What I'm saying is to destroy. There's gonna be a fight. And if somebody dies, eh hiningi nila eh. Sinabi ko na. P***** i** huminto kayo. Ano ba naman 'yang...

So hindi 'yan sabihin mo pasuplado. It is to your protection. Ako na ang bahala sa akin. Do not worry.

Ako na ang magpakulong, walang problema 'yan. 'Wag lang kayong sumagot officially. But in [unclear], I say, they're welcome. "What can we do for you?"

"I would like to get your statement."

"I’m sorry. The Constitution does not allow it. And our Commander-in-Chief says that we will --- we shut up."

Hindi ibig sabihin nagpapasikat ako. Kasi kung isang Commander magsalita siya, magsalita siya, magsalita siya, magsalita kayo, there will never be a uniformity in the answer.

P***** i**. Marami talagang butas makikita ‘yan because we are not situated in the same situation or similarly situated at one time.

So ma --- talagang mag-ganunan 'yang statement eh. It's gonna be convoluted. Saksak-sinagol, parang halo-halo.

Then that places us in jeopardy. Maraming butas makita eh. Eh kung mag shut-up ka lang. Sabihin mo na lang, "Si Duterte man. Eh siya man nag-utos. 'Destroy the organization.'" So what's wrong with that? Can I not protect my country by killing people and destroying apparatus?

O ‘yung sinabi ko 'yung factory diyan sa ano, eh 'di bombahan mo. Karami nating bomba na sobra. Ano ba naman.

That's what I mean. Hindi tayo nagpa-tigas-tigas. Only these guys do not know their law. Eh I happen to be a lawyer. I was once upon a time a trial lawyer for almost 9 years. I should know my law.

And I should know how to protect you. Kaya sinabi ko nga, "Just obey my order within the legal bounds of the law and ako na ang bahala."

Syempre 'pag nakatutok na ang baril, kakalabitin 'yan. T*** i** *g*** 'tong mga 'to. Mga bugok. Ngayon, na-konsumisyon ako kaya ang puro insulto 'yang natanggap nila.

Pati 'yan gusto nila ako ipakulong. Kung bigyan ba nila ako ng limang babae kasama ko doon, 'di... *[laughter]* P***** i** bukas, lilipad na ako saan ba 'yang presohan na 'yan. *[laughter]*

Ka-tanda-tanda ko na eh. Tama na 'yan, 72. Twenty-three years ako na-mayor. Siyaro wa koy *[inaudible]* ang y***. T*** i**. *[laughter]* Magsabi sila...

Ito namang ano, sa terrorism, it's the most corrupt and empty. Ang nanay ko Maranao. Mestiza. Lola ko. Lolo ko Chinese. Dito 'yun kinasal. Kanina nakita ko pa 'yung mukha ng anak ko --- Sangkola Pinsan 'yan ng...

Kasi ang daughter-in-law ko Sangkola. Kaya may isang Sangkola na ano. 'Yung kinasal ngayon na police, kamukha talaga ng anak ko. Kaya ako natuwa eh.

Pero alam mo, I know the culture. And I know how to --- Pero sabi ko sa ano, *[unclear]* ang terorismo na walang alam kung hindi magpatay pati magsira. Eh hindi tayo magkaintindihan niyan. That's a problem.

In the early days, 'yung mga relatives ko sa Lanao, sige tawag na --- Alam natin na maraming armas. But I must admit that 'yung 'di ko, hindi ko talaga na ano na ang ordnance nila ganun karami.

Or the ordnance was being shipped to them during the siege. Pero alam ko.

Dito naman marami akong nakitang mga pinsan ng daughter-in-law ko. Pati 'yung pulis na kinasal kanina, kamukha talaga ng eldest na pinsan ko.
Pero we are not here to establish ties. Nandiyan na 'yan eh. We are here talking about how to preserve and protect the nation of the Republic of the Philippines. That should be our primary duty.

Ngayon, 'yung speech. Eh andito na. Kilala naman niyo 'yan sila lahat. Mas nauna kayong nagkakilala kaysa akin.

Ito na lang ang basahin ko.

I *[garbled]* the first, 'yung isang paragraph lang. O dalawang paragraph, mas maganda itong isa.

I salute the valiant soldiers of the Western Mindanao Command for their successful efforts in combating threat groups in their area of operations, especially during the five-month battle in Marawi City.

By fulfilling your sworn duty to protect our people and to defend our democratic institutions, you helped pave the way for a stronger Republic.

Ang last --- ang last sentence ganito: Together, let us continue fighting for our people's welfare and for the betterment of the entire Philippines. Mabuhay, kayong lahat. *[applause]*

'Di tama na 'yun. Gabi na o. Baka hindi na makita ng piloto 'yung kahoy diyan. Wala na. Tulimba 'yan. Bago ang Commander-in-Chief niyo bukas. Babae. Bahala kayo sa buhay ninyo. *[laughter]* Kanya-kanya na kayo.

Salamat ha. Thank you for listening to me and I hope that we can work together to at least assure the people of the comfortable life.

‘Pag mag-atras ako dito sa droga, mag-atras ako dito sa terorismo, at mag-atras ako sa NPA, this generation --- `yung generation natin, kami, kami, we would have failed to save the Republic and compromise the next, ‘yung anak ninyo pati ‘yung apo ninyo.

We would have compromised the next generation of Filipinos. Sila na ang makipag-away. Eh hindi na natin alam kung sino. I'm not trying to say alam natin lahat, tayo lahat. Pero hindi natin alam ang bukas eh.

Sabi ko nga, if you have been to elect a son of a b****, you will just have to... Ngayon kung ‘yung son of a b****, p***** i**, walang alam, patay na. Mahirapan ang Pilipino. Tapusin natin ito sa panahon natin.

Maraming salamat po. *[applause]*

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