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SPEECH OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DURING THE LAUNCHING OF THE GO NEGOSYO'S "PILIPINAS ANGAT LAHAT" PROGRAM

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Salamat po. Kindly sit down. Thank you for your courtesy.

Governor, nandito ka pala. Alam mo Cora, I have a two pages --- and same I'll be, I'll --- I'll be through in about a minute and a half.

So to do justice, I don't know who the girls --- sinong gumawa nito. Because I have something else in mind to talk, I need time. Because I know that you are afraid of the floods and it rains --- the precipitation is that heavy and we expect more rains. You better be back in your homes before dark.

So I will just read the last paragraph. *[laughter]* Teka, this one. And you can go home. I believe that by unity, cooperation and hard work, we shall achieve our aspirations for our country, including sustainable development and the good life that we always wish for the Filipinos. Let us work together to realize our hopes and dreams for our people and nation.

Congratulations at mabuhay kayong lahat! *[applause]* That ends my speech official. *[laughter]*

Now, I'd like to talk also about my personal heartaches and all. Nandito pa naman si President Arroyo. I do not want to cheapen the presidency kasi nakakahiya eh.

But you know, ma'am, about two weeks ago, I had a command conference for all of the united groups of --- `yung ano, the Armed Forces pati pulis mismo, all of them, down to the last commander. Nandito po kami sa Malacañan.

And before the start of the meeting, I took the floor away from the emcee for the opening remarks and I said, "May I be allowed to talk first?"

At ang sinabi ko sa mga sundalo at pulis, "Guys, I want you to know that I am thinking of stepping down because I'm tired. While I am not against or angry against anybody, my chase against graft and corruption seems to be endless and it has contaminated almost all government departments and offices."

But I would like to assure you that for each and every department, you have a head that's very good. But you know, every project seems to go kaput at the end of the day.

You start with a big bang, full of announcements and you go there for a --- for the memorial opening or the groundbreaking and it's all there in the newspapers splashed.

But I have yet to hear any government project before that has succeeded without the so many interventions. One is that I have been telling Congress and everybody else for the law to do away with these things about lowest bid and you know the penchant just to give it a contract to somebody who has no resources at all.

They go around there fixing biddings in the provinces. They are one hell of a club and they just go around from city to city looking for contracts. They are there for the bidding. And they are aplenty in one group. So if a bidding is held, the group --- the leader of the cabal will just wait and allow his minions to go into the process and at the end of the day, he will just dive. For a 100 million project, he is willing to dive to 70. He gets the contract and it's almost happening everyday throughout the Philippines, national and local.

They win and they go to the guys who are into business. No equipments, no capitalization, no nothing. And they would just start to sell it, to farm out the bids.

And it's given to one who would subcontract it with another and you see multimillion projects being worked upon with two, three, four workers and he has to wait for the --- to wait, to lease all the equipments after somebody uses it for another project. They only have about three, four.

You know, I am --- I said I am exasperated because however I --- is right... I was dealing with the problem of Nayong Pilipino. I've been telling everybody it's bid and a bid that is not rigged. Time and again, I humiliate them in public.

And yet for all the thick tusk --- parang rhinoceros na talagang too thick. This had go on and on and the DPWH and you know... It's all a convoluted thing out there.

I was trying to do something about Nayong Pilipino, so I fired all. And I am scouting for a new set of Filipinos because I... Ang hinihingi ko lang is --- I am asking for workers. I do not want to call them Board of Directors. It will bloat their head. I am just asking for workers to be the chairman to act.

And I don't even call --- I don't even mention the presidency. In my SONA address, you never heard me talk of myself as "president" or "presidency." I just say, "I am a worker of government doing my duty because of the mandate of the people."

I've been trying to do it. I promised you five basic. During the campaign and during the presidential debates, I was the one who would always be delivering the shortage. I did not mention about super structures at that time because I have been around in this planet for so long that I would know even without asking.

So graft is so embedded, it is endemic and it is always a part of the territory of a transaction, especially by government.

You know, I do not allow whatever. LT --- LRT, rain --- whatever, TRAIN. No document ever lands in my --- I do not allow it. It begins with the Cabinet and ends with the Cabinet member.

I have for the life of me --- I have not seen a contract of government. It is always, "I choose you to be the Cabinet member, do it. Do it right." We're all right at the top. But at the bottom, you have to chase them and that is very exhausting and...

I do not think that I can fulfill my promise to the people. I said I was the first one to finish because I used the bullet style. Having been a prosecutor in court, time is always of the essence and the substance of what you say.

I said I will try to stop corruption which I'm doing. And still I cannot succeed even beyond my term. I told you that I will go after drugs and I warned everybody because on what used to be millions of transactions worth, it's now billions.

And even the government agencies are already quarreling amongst themselves because they want really to do something about it. And for that, I do not intervene. I let them quarrel publicly. And then I just say, "Do your job. Better luck next time."

And the drug situation as the intelligence of the world today would suggest, we have noticed that there's a radical change in the landscape. There's no more shabu laboratory here because they know that the --- they know that if I --- if our --- if we meet in one corner, I'll just kill them. They know that. Because I said, you destroy my country and that is self-preservation.

If it's worth billions, how many people? The fact that the official count and you saw on TV, surrendering en masse all skinny, thin, malnourished. These are...

Well, I would say one million six. One million six of your fellow human beings, Filipinos at that, are reduced to slavery to a drug called shabu. And it's being run now through the connections of the Bamboo triad.

That is why we were wondering why there is no more large-scale manufacturing of shabu. Well, one is that because if you do it, somehow I will find a good reason to kill you.

So what we have now are thrown overboard. I think the latest bust was from Taiwan. But I'd like to address myself to all government agencies. Iyong sabi nila na those --- they found that the metal... But they opened it, there was none. It was pure speculation. They were assuming that for those metal, magnetic --- yeah, contain... So the borehole, there was nothing there.

And they suspected and they also presumed that it was full of shabu. And they just made an assumption of the price. But there was really none and I am not convinced.

So next time, you do not go into a speculative contents. Criminal law is very hard. It is very, very exciting --- exacting and all. And so you must be very sure that you have the goods. You cannot speculate that you recovered containers. They are not containers but the magnetic... *[How do you call?] [DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez answers: Magnetic lifters]*

Ah yeah... So they just assumed that they were there at that warehouse but there was no shabu inside. But many speculative statement that had it been filled to the brim, it had worth ano --- that was speculation.

So well, I can always agree with that. But when I said, I was trying to fix... And then there's the problem of the AFP hospital.

You know PGH, that's the premier hospital of our country run by UP. They had --- they have always been suffering with lack of funds. And I was even told that in some cases, the interns would shell out their contribution just to buy the medicines.

So long time ago, I called Andrea of PAGCOR. And I asked the doctors and the management who came here, all Filipinos, and said, "How much is your annual...?" "A little over 30 for the medicines and all." "Thirty million for the whole year?" "Yes." "Is that enough?" "No, sir

because --- no Mayor because there's so many sick people and we collect nothing."

It was a very sad story and I said, "You can do with 100 million?" They were very happy. "Mayor, that's a great leap from our present money. Is that a year?" "No, it's every month. You will have 100 million to spend for the poor." *[applause]*

What is really very stupid about this whole thing is, I gave V. Luna, the AFP --- it's V. Luna Hospital --- 50 million a month also. And the other hospital, another 50. There are two hospitals there. The AFP and I forgot the other one. That's the V. Luna. And I gave them a new building because it was being used and the drainage was blowing up upwards.

And I said to them, "How can you cure the infections of the wounds of my soldiers if that...?" So I said, "Condemn that building, I'll build you a new one."

I gave them the money because Secretary Diokno was there and he said, "okay," early on. So titingnan ko rin ito before I go, I will create a big bang also. I want it audited.

Kasi 'yung pera na ibinigay ko was misappropriated by the Gen --
- *[Sino 'yung pangalan ng p**** i**...? L****]*.

Ah, [Torrelavega]. So I said to --- Galvez showed to me the report and he was scratching his head, he said, "Mayor, sorry but this is what happened."

I said, "You court martial him. Create a court where he will appear before his peers and give him the most humiliating..."

I fired them all. I still have to select a new one. So one corruption, just right after there's another corruption and the folder it's here, is another... *[Saan na ba 'yung y*** na 'yon?]*

Just came in yesterday. And you won't believe it, it's the military.

Si Marañon --- Maraña. Maraña was the comptroller of PMA, the premier military institution where we get the most, the brightest, and the best of our doctors and our soldiers. Hindi na, okay na.

There is another... Boss ninyo. *[laughter]* Hector Maraña. 0-11-5-6-6 Infantry, Philippine Army. Violation of Articles, fraud against the government, conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Conduct prejudicial to the good order and the military discipline. A sentence is hereby recommended by the *[garbled]* accused.

I approve his dismissal. And he was the comptrol --- comptroller of PMA. He malversed 15 million of the cadets' allowances. And in the military, you do not complain.

So... I'll give it to... Affirming the decision separating him and... He was recommended to be imprisoned 12 to --- six to 12 years. This is good. Can I have a pen? I will sign it in your presence. *[applause]*

Send the guy to hell. *[laughter]* That's an order. *[laughter]*

You know, this aide of mine, she's a Navy. She went to Annapolis. Annapolis 'yan. So if you want to go into the business of shipbuilding, you might want to consult her.

Ngayon ho, so habol ako nang habol pagod na ako. I'm exasperated and I said corruption, then I said I will meet the challenge sa drugs which I did and what I'm doing still now.

And I said that the law and order situation is very hard but I will try.

Then I said, I will talk to the enemies. So I have produced... I have to thank Congress and the Speaker, lumusot na 'yung BBL.

And I said, I will also talk to the enemies of the state. MI, with Murad, we are about comfortably situated now. Nur Misuari is thinking aloud of what to do next, but we're good friends.

And I have terminated the talks with the Reds --- Communist Party of the Philippines with Sison. Because in the series of agreements before, even the time of Aquino, they entered into so many things that they scattered the privileges and power which they wanted. And we summed it all and it would really appear that it was a coalition government. And I said, "I cannot give you an inch of that even. I cannot give you what is not mine."

So sorry, Attorney Belo was there. He was the one with Dureza. But I don't know they are back channeling. But I said hardly --- I cannot let other presidents do it but I cannot deal with the Communist Party. Because to date, they have killed so many thousands soldiers, barangay captains, innocent civilians, suspected of being agents of the military.

We have suffered and --- in numbers. And I think it would not be good. We will just have to continue fighting. The IS, we are improving on our acquisition of arms. One day it will blow up again. And I've been warned of multiple attacks of not only one but two or three cities.

We will beat that --- or the president, I don't know. Ganito 'yan eh, the reason why I asked permission from the military is not because I am afraid of them. I was elected by the people with my corresponding instructions. They have their own mandate.

They worry about their work and I worry about mine. But I said, I want to work with you all despite of corruption and everything but I said I am getting old and exasperated.

I do not think that with the limited three years remaining in my term I could even hardly make a dent.

I cannot kill them all because the sacred human rights is there. They only have a list of how many killings and they just count. And if they saw something there sprawled yesterday they say, "ah extrajudicial killing."

Me? How many policemen died? You must remember that the siege of Marawi did not start with a quarrel about rebellion or getting the piece of land. It was something of a police punitive action, serving a warrant of arrest to one of the Mautes.

They resisted and had a fight with the police. Greatly outnumbered the police withdrew, and the military had to come in. But while crossing the bridge of Pandi, the nine Marines had no chance. Because Marawi itself was converted into an outpost. So they were covered by concrete and metals, iron.

And so because of that I lost so many soldiers. To date, I would say that about 1,000 policemen and soldiers died because of the drugs. And I said and the ano this --- the pretty boys of other countries had the gall to criticize me in a press briefing. Forgetting me as if he was the only president in this planet.

And he was warning me like a member of the [Sinaloa] about killing. And look what is happening to their country. You see the Netflix. Dope, it's flooding his country.

And here comes another president and said, "You are doing all right." The other guy says, "You are bad because you are killing people." Another president says that, "You are doing well. I will even copy you." And he said, "Do it because time is running out for you."

Your institution has failed because set of rules with [Sinaloa] and the Medellin. He's in prison. He was even able to get out and back into prison. That's how toxic the world has become because of drugs.

So `yon. I said corruption, I'm trying. So I'm complying. Drugs? I'm doing something about it. I'm complying. I said I will talk to the enemies of the states so we might be able to finally, somehow. Then I said I will let the managers.

So there is no commercial paper. I remember I signed last night about measures of inflation which our Speaker is also passionately talking about.

Now, the resignation. I said... I told the guys, the milit --- the Armed Forces, all of them, and the police, generals. "If you guys, I only need to talk. Do not give me that melodrama of coming to Malacañan with tanks and everything..."

Sabi ko, "Do not be... It's corny." All you have to do... Because you know, if you come here to fight, you'd be killing the soldiers and the Navy because they are here assigned and they would fight for me. Are you stupid? Do not do that.

All you have to do is to call me, let's have coffee and if you say, "President... Sir, we find you not at par or not in parity with the expectation." And then I say, "If you have found a leader, I'm willing to step down."

The problem is I cannot suggest to them that if you follow the succession which is really the Constitution, but if they would do it, I said, "go ahead."

I am hesitant to suggest a Constitutional succession. I have nothing against Robredo. She's a lawyer. You have heard her talk. But I do not think she can improve on anything here. Of course, she will deny it.

But you can ask the hotbed of shabu in the past years. I would not mention the name kasi --- it was Naga City. It was in Naga City of which I... So I said --- I would suggest to the military, if you want a junta, look for the --- or if you want yourselves to be the junta, I said line up here, I'll put you in your proper place. "I, I, General, do hereby solemnly swear that as a regular junta member of this republic."

Then I go home to Davao and solve the problems of the country because I will fail. I cannot do it and so I have to admit to the people that I failed. So look for another one. And I'd be happy to go home.

And you guys, you are the pressure in our society. You are you pressure groups that --- to formulate a public policy. Nandiyan sa inyo `yan. The money is with you. You can go ahead. You can suggest to them but I am ready.

And for those who are dreaming that I will extend my term and be a dictator, you must be the lowest idiot in this country. *[laughter]* Even to suggest that I have a plan. I am a lawyer and I said, were it not for the fact that I do not believe in the competence of the Vice President, I'm ready to go anytime.

So that is why I disregarded the two-page... *[laughter]* Really, I'm ready to go. I'm telling the military and the public, and everybody is listening though it's being covered live.

Kung may makita kayo na mas mahusay, if you think there is somebody more competent, then by all means, place him. Or a group of persons who you think could bring prosperity to this nation, then do it because I said I'm tired and I think I cannot fulfill the promise of ending all these problems.

Drugs will not end at the end of my term. It might just be --- it could worsen or --- because... You know, why is it that during the previous term there were no billions and billions of drugs? Why? Why was there no arrest?

So if nobody was killed, because nobody challenged the law. Why? Because nobody was interested to enforce the law. And the generals of the police were also running the show.

And it was not until after I became the President and demanded from the military and police, "You open to me. As an order, you open your records to me."

And so I got this list. And sabi... Well everybody there in that list are dead, most of them. Well, if they were not in the list, they are still alive. But I never gave the list to the public.

I just mentioned the some who were already killing their own policemen like the Parojinog and a military agent. Until now, we do not know where their carcass are, what happened to their bodies. They're missing for a...

Well the policemen when they started to excavate one spot as pointed out by the witness, they found the --- because of the uniform. But the others... So he was flaunted.

There was no government in Ozamiz. People were afraid to talk. But the economy of --- the domestic economy of Ozamiz City was great.

Everybody was --- have a --- building a house. Everybody was opening a legit --- because most of the people there were the couriers of their mayor, selling shabu to other places, other cities, and other provinces.

So just be careful about the next president. You have to give him enough elbow room to --- because if you constrict it squarely, and demand the slightest move... You know, when I ordered the removal of the --- those guys whose hang around every night almost half naked and you know... If they feel that they need a fix they will just go there and stage a holdup and sometimes they kill.

Just what happened with the prosecutor of the Ombudsman. She was pregnant. She was there to just buy at a convenience store and die, so unnecessary death.

But of course, the killer is already dead. I would also tell you that. That's the --- that's the play outside of shabu.

Now it's billions. The previous arrest was done with the cylinder thing, it was placed there just like the metal that was --- the magnet that was lifted taken from...

So I'm just warning you and but we have a very good military and with just a few scalawags. But I would --- I would even maybe forgive you if you purchase something you overpriced. Maybe I will suggest, "Gentlemen, just dismiss him from the service."

But if you tinker with the medicines of the soldiers especially those who were wounded in the Marawi siege, and there were thousands of them, and then you made --- you allowed ghost deliveries and paid for it.

I said to the Chief of Staff, "Take him out immediately and have him court-martialled." I want his peers so that he will be forced to answer. And this guy Maraña, he absconded with the honorarium of the soldiers.

And you know, in the military it's always... They know it. My Navy aide says she heard about it. It's an open secret that's why if it says a matter of camaraderie with the elite PMAers, I'd like to tell them I love my soldiers even those who did not graduate from the PMA. I love you all and the police.

But do not --- do not go into corruption because I'll give you hell. Me, I am submitting my proposal to resign to the body now. I'll convert this into a... *[laughter]*

If the governor of --- ah the Congressman of Oriental would say --- yes... I only need one. If she will say... We are not party-mates. She is a Mar Roxas supporter. *[laughter]* If you stand up now and say, "Mayor Duterte resign," I will resign.

But let the people know that you are the one. *[laughter]* Can we have your word Governor Malanyaon and then Congresswoman Malanyaon? And I was grade two, you were already Governor Malanyaon. *[laughter]*

I have graduated the Law School, you are still Congressman Malanyaon. Very nice. *[laughter]* You are... Anong tawag nito nila? A dynasty of one. *[laughter]* Like a king.

Me? I've been a prosecutor for eight years. I was a congressman once upon a time. *[Kasama ba tayo noon? O governor ka noon? Ah governor ka.]*

And then I was vice mayor to my daughter. But my template is --- I am not extraordinarily proud of that. But if you really want what I really wanted for my country, go to Davao.

Go out at night. Because in Davao there's another dictator offing, not me, *[laughter]* but she has a Duterte surname. If you go to Davao at 12 midnight, everything closes.

Just like during the communist heydays, that was the time --- every --- Davao City was also... Even if you're drinking, the waiters would get it from your hand and say, "It's 12 o'clock and you have to go home". And there are no guys standing in... She does not want it.

I don't know but this sounds to be a --- that she has to... No more. Yeah, in Davao you cannot smoke, you cannot drink beyond 12 o'clock. If you stand there in the corner and just talk there, then you will be asked by the police to continue your conversation in jail. *[laughter]*

Well, they are not really arrested but they are just taken especially if it's a minor. It is the duty of the nation, the republic, to take care of its young.

We do not deprive them of their freedom to move. That's a constitutional guarantee. But under the great powers of a state, the police power, you can take in minors who are there outside. There's a curfew in Davao for minors, it's 10 o'clock.

And they are --- you are taken into custody, you are not arrested. Under the *parens patriae* principle which need not be in the Constitution because it's there all the time. The power of the state to protect its citizens and its young people.

They can be taken into custody, detained for the night because out there, danger lurks, and they are made as couriers of... All they have to present is their birth certificate, and that's the reason why.

Because out there they are used, they are just given 500 and they will do anything. You give this shabu to that guy in there. If arrested --- minor, and I will tell you who is responsible for this law. It's Kiko Pangilinan.

No offense to... *Hindi naman siguro kayo mag-ano. [laughter]* When he --- from the criminal law it is below nine --- nine below 12, above 12, 16, indeterminate sentence law. Pangilinan's law 15 years old, you commit rape everyday, you are out of prison.

You give the police the ar --- they show everyday, you kill, you rape, they will release you. There is no such thing as a correctional. It's what happens after they commit crime, nothing. There's no appearance in court. The police just simply say, "He's 15." "Yes,

release." Irrespective of the severity of the crime. Kay Kiko Pangilinan `yan.

Eh `yung patsoy-tsoy eh. Advance ano `yon. We were good with the old law.

You know you don't follow legislations in other countries. They seem to be ideal but not in all places also of that country. But ours is the galloping poverty of the people.

And when the hungry, and when the addicts, come they just... So there has to be a different approach. But the Western world is seems to be trying to impose their values and how they treat. Correct because you have the money you have means.

The Philippine law has fallen short. After a great crime, they rape --- they rape a blind woman and the daughter-in-law beside is a one-year-old and a 14-year-old. Shabu goes with... If they are into it the next thing is that they will take alcohol and when they go crazy...

It's the UN Drug Control Board. United Nations, the characterization of shabu is it creates a bizarre behavior and violent. And when you create --- when you arrest a child... Sabi ko nga why? Why was there no police activity?

Because the law --- the only way to evade the crime in the courts of law is to file a countercharge. And you know when a child is arrested, the child would always go for it and run and sometimes grapple, and so it would result in some bruises.

Then after that, they are brought there, here comes the humans rights, "Oh we go to the doctor, you have a bruise here." Sometimes they fight with police they, they... And the police had to restrain them physically resulting in this.

So that time you asked me why? Why? Because once a case is filed against the police, he goes hungry. There is no salary, no food for the table, no food for the schooling --- or the money for school. And that was what was happening.

What gave me the great advantage was I was a prosecutor once upon a time. And I knew how it was being played.

Kaya when I said I became --- they were deathly afraid of a case because once a case is filed no matter how guilty or how innocent, he loses his job, suspended, he gets no money. That's why he is prone to... And even the prosecutors are corrupt and the judges.

There is one judge here in Manila, we have about nearly a thousand drug cases not one single action. All acquitted, all dismissed.

And so if you are the President of this country, what will you do? Just sit idly and fold your arms and listen and... You do not want to... Ah that's a... Once upon a time, we were with --- we were --- I was with Cora, I was the presiding officer of the council. She was one of the... She knows my --- how I behave.

I do not like oppression. I do not like people oppressing another. But if you threaten or destroy or attempt to destroy my country, I will kill you.

If you destroy our daughters and sons, you know their mothers and fathers... Once... It's worth listening to me because you will learn.*[laughter]*

I was a law --- I was law professor actually of a --- the... *[laughter]* Yes, I was teaching criminal law, criminal procedure and criminal evidence.

You know if this family loses the father, he goes to work abroad, this family becomes dysfunctional. A family, children growing without a father is...

If both the father and mother go out to work and leave the children to the grandfather, grandma or to their sisters and brothers, or to the neighbors, this family is totally dysfunctional.

And some of them they go out and they are raped, deprived of food, sleep and yet they endure the indignity because it is part of the territory of a --- the culture that when you work or you are paid to do a work, or if you are a slave bought from the slave market, sexual is included in the culture.

So look at the so many Filipina beaten, placed inside a refrigerator. And they send money to their children. And this --- they know back home that the neighbors, the bad guys, and they will... Ayaw kong sabihin ang word pero `yung sina — I-I hanggang magbigay. And after three or four years, they come back only to see their children and family in shambles.

That is what pains me. And that was --- that is the reason why I rage. Ganoon ako.

So if... I cannot corruption. If I cannot really stop them because it's not allowed. Otherwise the great, the wises and the merciful Westerner and the EU, susmaryosep.

EU lawyers? Who is from EU here? *[laughter]* Any representative from EU? Who? Kindly... No, I am not... You might want to take a second look in your policies.

First of all, do not humiliate the leaders. Then you can talk to them, pay me a visit. I can... You can talk to me here. You can call Peter Wallace. He is my friend. He can arrange for a meeting.

But you don't send here investigators to find out because that is really interference. That is really not allowed. Maybe the other countries of Europe has affect --- well, accepted that. But dito kaya that is why Widodo...

You know, I'll tell you straight, the ASEAN countries, you try to befriend them and give aids and everything.

In the ASEAN countries, I'll tell you all of them except a — nothing... You want to read their sentiments? You want to know? Oh I will do it for you.

They are all pro-China because China does not really... They give and... Well of course, the South China Sea.

Well, they have to rethink that because that would be a flashpoint someday. And even you know, warning other... You cannot create an island. It's man-made and you say that the air above this artificial island is yours.

That is wrong because those waters are --- what would consider international sea. And the right of innocent passage is guaranteed. It does not need any permission to sail through the open seas. And if it's nearby a territorial water, you guarantee what you would call the right of innocent passage.

So I hope that China would temper its --- at least its behavior. I do not want to quarrel with China. But at this time, because you will create... America instead of avoiding --- "get out, get out," China would say "we go in, we go in."

And get out and get out, and one of these days, a hot head commander there would just press a trigger and... By the way, we are just about 25 minutes away from...

Well, there are forces. Do not ever think that the Americans --- Mr. Ambassador, I'm just telling the truth. There are outposts here and the --- well... And that is why in Marawi, I was really --- and I take full responsibility that we fell short of the intelligence assessment.

The ordnance was just good for five months of battle and even longer maybe. But we were sure that it was a brewing because my relatives --- I come from Lanao del Sur or my grandmother. And so they kept on telling me, "nagpapasahan na". Arms are being passed around.

So we ordered the rifles sa --- 23 of them. It's no fault of the Ambassador. But some great American senators or congressmen spoke against it. And so the 23,000 rifles that we thought that we needed because our --- over time the bore of those rifles have already

--- does not have the... It cannot create the right --- it comes out of the barrel turning. It has its own momentum. So bale 23,000 was --
- went kaput.

So we had to buy from --- not... I tried to buy but it was given to me for free. To this day, China has not even demand --- anything. So it's very clear that the gambit really is the China Sea.

But one of these days I said before my term ends, I assured you that I will talk to them. Maybe if I cannot...

It's expensive to be flying around. I'm having my second thoughts about going to Jordan and Israel because of the expense.

The last time I went commercial. But they said that if we go commercial in that area there, it's not good. You get hijacked, you get hit by a guided missile, *[laughter]* and your purpose was just to visit Netanyahu and pray to God. *[laughter]* That's why.

I have my own concept of God is --- what God is. It's really the history. It's only one God, God the Father. He's not even the father. He's God, period. But this... Is there any bishop here? I want to *[laughter]* kick your ass, *[laughter]* and the priest.

I'll tell you, the most hypocritical institution in the Philippines is the Catholic Church. My statement? No. Coming from? Secretary Evasco, the Cabinet Secretary. *[laughter]*

Cabi --- is he here? Evasco was a priest, together with Tison. They left their vocation. Well, before leaving, he married a nun. I'm not joking. *[laughter]* So that is where they get maybe their supply also. And went to Mindanao.

He was caught by the Philippine Scout Rangers of the Army. He was brought before me because I was the --- I forgot the --- *[Ano 'yung... Ano 'yun Bot? 'Yung naka-assign ka diyan. You are the...]* --- the inquest fiscal.

And so one of the --- who is now a general, he said, "This priest, we'll execute him." I said, "No. He is a priest. We will go to hell." *[laughter]* So Evasco leave to... When he went out of prison, he wa... They were released by Cory Aquino, by the way, mass release.

On the record, on that day, I said let the record show for posterity that I am objecting to the release because the order was just to release. No finding of fault. No nothing.

And as a prosecutor, I have to do my job. Place it on record that I am objecting. Wala --- I could not do anything. So he went to me and said, "I was released." I was prosecuting, I am in court, and he said "I want work." He said, "Now, can you give me work?"

Evasco is bright. Why? They are trained in mobilization because of the job of priest, they take care of --- mobilize the faithful.

Now I realized that with the advent of the... And you guys can afford it. I suggest that you read "The Popes." Plural. I think it's online. Or if you want --- *[May kopya ka ba isa diyan? 'Yung libro ng mga pari.] [laughter]*

"Altar Secrets". This guy is now dead but he used to be I think the narrator of the CBCP. It's all there. "Sex, Politics, and Money in the Philippine Catholic Church". The introduction is given by Marites Vitug.

Hindi ko nabili ito. It's a hot-seller actually. Just like when you read "The Popes", same. Almost the same pattern of corruption, homosexuality and all.

Now they say, "You know, you employees of government are wasting the people's money. You do not have a proper accounting and if there is one, it's faulted. And we have the right to know because it is the money of the people."

Me? I was a former Roman Catholic Church. We studied in Ateneo and we were molested, all of us. Two years up and two years down.

Every time we confess, they will just fondle as I said. "What are your sins my son? Come on. Come on."

And well you know, when you are a teenager, what do you do? There's only one thing, it's all sexual drive. And the priest is an American. You look for Mark Falvey, it's in the Internet. And there's the one that... He was convicted and the Jesuits were forced to pay 25 million dollars to the victims of sexual molestations.

So the Catholic Church is strict about the behavior of workers of government because we spend the people's money. But may I ask now, you collect --- not even taxes --- there's a log --- bag of money and they go around collecting.

Then they will say, "This collection is part to maintain the Church. Now there's a second collection, please be generous because the second collection is for the --- for my family. I have two children to..." *[laughter]* P***** i** niya.

And what is really --- I will tell you there is an orphanage here --- take it from me --- there is an orphanage here of children fathered by... They made it appear it's an orphanage.

Me, so that... I'm not --- I'm not a Roman Catholic Church member anymore. That's why I showed you because if you want there's a new religion in town, it's called Iglesia ni Rodrigo. *[laughter]*

My religion does not limit anything. All you can do is... Do not believe in hell. When you die you are just a piece of carcass and that's it. There's no more hell --- about hell --- burning in hell? You cannot burn a soul.

No, I'm contemplating of joining another --- Christian. But I only believe in one God. Do you know how many saints the Catholic Church has? 7,000. San Lorenzo, San Pablo, San Pedro...

It would have been also a consolation here --- Santo Rodrigo... Wala nga eh. *[laughter]* Tapos we are assigned in every parochial thing.

There's a --- there's something, yours is San Isidro, your saint. And who is this s***?

You know they were nomadic tribes at that time --- nomadic ka. Who is this guy San Isidro that every town fiesta we kill our cows, carabaos, we kill our...? Just to spend because it is the fiesta of San Isidro.

San Pablo --- who were they? That's the reason why... I don't know but they have kept quiet. But I'm willing especially if I get out of this office, I will talk to you --- about you everyday.

And I will end up a pastor also, buy my own plane, everything, in the works. *[garbled]* And if I can convince them of the stupidity of the religion. You read "The Popes". And I'm sure after reading it you will never be on the edge of... I assure you.

That is my speech for you regarding business. *[laughter]* No, I cannot lecture on you because you know better than I am. I've been telling you I do not know about business because that is not how I was trained.

But if you want to tangle with me about law, criminal prosecution and all, I can deal with you the whole day. But when you talk about well ah domestic ... It's just a plain income then that's about it. I leave it up to... You know, I do not like this new formula. It would have been simple if we --- they just placed Math arithmetic - arithmetic, or Math. The alphabet --- do not touch with it.

But when you combine the alphabet and the figures --- 2b-2. *[applause]*

I like Algebra. I'm not really that ... But enjoy Physics and Algebra, but Calculus --- I like ano geomet... Ito lang trigonometry... *[laughter]* Like legal accounting, I almost failed in it. I cannot --- I do not listen, I was...

Debit entry 500. So dito 500 --- debit credit, then expense 1,000. Lipat man sa 1,000. Then if they cons --- if they end up same number balance then you have solved the problem.

Why don't you just place there how much did you earn today? How much did you pay, and how much did you...? T*** i** *[laughter]*

Kaya sa --- our professor in legal accounting...
"You do not understand?" "Yeah."

Especially in economics, they draw a line and then you paste.... You go crazy, sometimes you'd puke. Why are you making...? It says the improvement in the economy. Here one line, we are here in the margin. The improvement last year was this one. Now closed in parenthesis.

Expectations. We would reach one --- it's scale of one to 100. We are here now, four. Then we will hit 60 by... You divide the years, make it simple. *[applause]*

No really. You make it complicated. You can say, "this is your business, you are here". "Oh my God! It says so I'm earning." "Yes you are". Then you are down here. Oh because you said p***** i** in public your rating is ... When I said something about God, I was addressing the priest. So I got 54. And so media and the rest of the --- also idiots --- *[laughter]* they were happy. "Ah now he is falling down".

I am not --- I am already the president. Do not ... Numbers --- no more. I do not care even. So 54, then another Pulse Asia, you are now 82. There's something wrong with the Filipinos if that is a reflection according to you.

You cannot be trusted. Ladies and gentlemen I took too much of the liberty to just to listen to your...

I'm trying to figure out because really, I am ready to go down. If the Armed Forces... Bakit ang Armed Forces? Bakit ang pulis?

They are the two organizations who can control when everything breaks loose. They must maintain order, that's their job. What they want to do after that, well I said, I leave it up to them.

But for all of you, no illusions about extension, about dictatorship. At this time I'm telling you, I'm ready to step down and retire.

Maraming salamat po at mabuhay kayong lahat. *[applause]*

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