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November 1, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: G. PHILIP HUGHES *W*

SUBJECT: Statements for the Aquino Visit, November 9, 1989

Attached are materials for the arrival statement and the toast for the State dinner for President Aquino.

Karl Jackson has made some changes to the arrival statement. Depending on how rapidly Richardson's appointment (p. 2) is processed, we may or may not be able to announce it.

For the toast, State has provided themes. However, the most important thing the President could do is to emphasize how important Mrs. Aquino is, his personal relationship with her and her contributions to the spread of democracy worldwide.

It is requested that you work the present drafts and return them to me for final clearance.

Attachments

Tab A Arrival Statement
Tab B Themes for Toast

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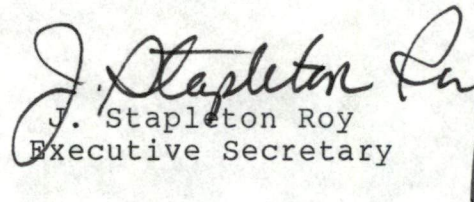
October 27, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Draft Arrival Statement for State Visit of Philippine
President Corazon Aquino, November 9, 1989

Attached is a draft statement for the arrival ceremony of
Philippine President Corazon Aquino's State Visit, November 9,
1989, 10:00 a.m. Themes for the State Dinner Toast will be
transmitted separately.


J. Stapleton Roy
Executive Secretary

Attachment. As stated.

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ARRIVAL STATEMENT
on the occasion of the State Visit of
Philippine President Corazon Aquino

Welcome, Mrs. President, to the United States and to the White House. You last visited our country three years ago -- just months after the "miracle of EDSA" when renewed democracy and economic growth for the Philippines were still dreams. The changes in your country since that time have been remarkable.

After years of authoritarian rule, under your leadership the Republic of the Philippines stands today as a tribute to the power of democracy.
After years of authoritarian rule.

Your economy is growing strongly and has made ^{significant} progress toward full ~~sustainable~~ recovery. We salute you and your government for vision, perseverance and the successes you have achieved.

I particularly value this opportunity to get better acquainted and consult closely with you on the broad range of issues and concerns we share. High among those concerns, I know, is the promotion of private sector investment and trade -- which, we agree, is the key to balanced, long-term growth. Part of your mission here is to spread the word to American business of the economic opportunity, hospitable environment and warm welcome awaiting them in the Philippines. I trust they are listening. Three years ago, President Reagan noted we were "bullish" on the Philippines. How right he was. I pledge our continuing assistance to your government ~~in any way we can~~ ^{with security assistance as well as our} in its economic and development program. We also stand ready to support your important program of debt reduction developed in cooperation with your commercial creditors.

Philippines has re-emerged as a beacon for democracy & worthy of imitation throughout the world.

I am pleased to note the successful launching July 4 of the Multilateral Assistance Initiative, which we, in concert with the Government of Japan, worked hard to develop and promote. We conceived this unique program with the World Bank, IMF and other donors to support your government's efforts to revitalize and restructure the Philippine economy. Your priorities are our priorities -- ^{administrative and economic reform,} the encouragement of investment through ^{correct} appropriate infrastructure and ^{right} policies, the alleviation of poverty, and aggressive efforts to restore the environment.

Our Congress is ready to provide \$160 million for the first year of the Multilateral Assistance Initiative out of an extremely tight budget. My appointment of one of our pre-eminent statesmen, Ambassador Elliot Richardson, as my personal representative for the Initiative shows the priority we accord to its success. With your government's continued dedication to effective project implementation and economic restructuring, the promise of the MAI will be fulfilled.

It is fitting, Mrs. President, that you should visit our country as we approach our Veterans Day observances. This is a time when we, and our countrymen, can solemnly remember the brave Filipino and American soldiers who sacrificed their lives, side by side, in the common cause of democracy and freedom. Veterans Day symbolizes the strong values that we have shared for decades -- bonds that also

underpin our important security ties. You noted here three years ago that the recovery of democracy brought with it the ability to deal with your major ally on an equal footing -- the only basis for a relationship between friends. It is in that spirit that we look forward to the discussions we have already agreed will begin in December -- discussions which, we are confident, will mold a new, mutually beneficial security partnership for the future.

Again, welcome Mrs. President. I look forward to our conversations in a spirit of understanding and cooperation as close friends and allies. On behalf of the American people, Mabuhay (Ma-boo-hi)!

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 9, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND PRESIDENT CORAZON AQUINO OF THE PHILIPPINES
DURING ARRIVAL CEREMONY

The South Lawn

10:00 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Ms. President, welcome back to the United States and welcome back to the White House. (Applause.)

You last visited our country just months after the miracle of people power. The changes in your country since that time are truly exciting. Your leadership has made the Philippines a beacon of democracy, worthy of imitation throughout the world. Your economy is growing towards full recovery. We salute you and we salute the Philippine people for vision, perseverance and the successes that you have achieved.

We're looking forward to this opportunity to get better acquainted; to consult closely on the broad range of issues and concerns that we share. And high among these concerns, I know, is the promotion of private investment and trade between our two countries -- the key to balanced, long-term growth.

Three years ago, when you rang the bell of freedom in Manila, America cheered and rose in awe. When your words rang from the rafters of our Congress, our leaders stood up and gave you the most thunderous reception given any foreign leader in more than a generation. And just yesterday, when you rang the bell on the New York Stock Exchange, the market climbed 26 points. (Laughter.)

So the message is simple. From Main Street to Wall Street, America loves the Philippines. And America loves Cory Aquino. (Applause.)

You deserve our help. And you will get it. I pledge our continuing assistance to your government. And that means security assistance, as well as aid to economic development. And it means cooperating in your important debt-reduction program.

Your priorities are our priorities. Reform -- administrative and economic. Recovery -- new investment, encouraged by sound infrastructure and sound policies. Renewal -- help with alleviating poverty and preserving the environment. Resistance -- to the murderous antidemocratic forces of the communist insurgency.

Earlier this year, America's Independence Day marked the successful launch of the Multilateral Assistance Initiative. This unique program -- developed with Japan and the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and other donors -- bolsters your efforts to refuel and restructure the Philippine economy.

Today, Congress stands ready to provide support for the first year of America's contribution to this Initiative. And my appointment of one of our most preeminent statesmen, Ambassador Elliott Richardson, as my personal representative for the Initiative, shows the priority we accord to its success. With your government's continued dedication to administrative reform, effective project implementation, economic restructuring, the promise of this Initiative will be fulfilled.

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It is fitting, President Aquino, that you should visit as we approach a Veterans Day weekend. In the darkest nights of this democracy, in the days immediately following Pearl Harbor, Americans and Filipinos fought and died together. Hallowed names like Bataan and Corregidor will always bind us together in pride as well as sorrow.

It was because so many Philippine citizens sacrificed their lives that General MacArthur was able to wade ashore at Leyte Gulf with Philippine President Osmena. MacArthur had returned and fighting side by side with your country, victory was achieved.

On a personal note, 45 years ago, almost to this very day, I was a 20-year-old kid piloting a torpedo plane on a raid against enemy shipping in Manila Bay. The exact date I think was November 13th.

And President Aquino has often spoken of her belief that God has a plan. And I don't doubt it. For looking back today, I realize that -- as I safely flew back to that ship on that November day in 1944, somewhere far below was the town of San Mateo, where an 11 year-old girl, a convent student, waited with her family. She was a remarkable child, devoted to her studies and to her faith, fiercely proud of her family and her people.

And today, it is a privilege and an honor for me to welcome her to the White House -- the elected leader of the Republic of the Philippines -- President Corazon Aquino. (Applause.)

Ms. President, in 1986, as in World War II, your nation faced a moment of truth. And once again the people of the Philippines proved their courage to the world.

Down through the decades, our two peoples have shared a strong commitment to freedom, democracy, peace and stability -- for the Philippines, for America, and for the Pacific region.

And you noted here three years ago that the recovery of democracy brought with it the ability to deal with your major ally on an equal footing -- the only basis for a relationship between friends. And so it is in that spirit that we look forward to the discussions that we've already agreed will begin in December -- discussions which, we are confident, will mold a new and mutually beneficial, long-term security partnership in the future.

Welcome back, Mrs. President. God bless you. And God bless the people of the Philippines. And God bless the friendship between our two nations. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT AQUINO: Mr. President, three year ago I came to Washington as the head of a country still reeling from two decades of misrule. With its economy just beginning to stir back to life, I stood here, nonetheless, as the representative of the Filipino people with a great deal of pride.

For the Philippines had recovered its freedom and had become again a member in good standing, alongside the United States in the club of democracies.

It is true that authoritarian governments can be proud, and often are excessively; but not their countries. Only free nations can truly feel pride. Today, I stand here with a great deal of hope -- hope for the full economic recovery of my country. A recovery that is well on its way to becoming sustainable economic growth with some help from our friends.

I have come to Washington at the kind invitation of President Bush. With him and with Vice President Dan Quayle, State Secretary James Baker, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and other officials, I hope to discuss a wide variety of issues affecting Philippine American relations in line with the United States' long

efforts to maintain stability, foster peace, encourage freedom, and uplift the living standards of peoples throughout the world.

We will raise, particularly, the means by which the Philippines and the United States can cooperate in more areas to our mutual economic benefit. We shall explore the means to increase trade between two countries with long historic ties and deep cultural affinities.

We shall do these things so that, by the economic improvement of the one, these two oldest allies in Asia can be stronger together.

These issues will not be easily or quickly resolved. But it is good for the sake of a friendship that we want to deepen further to begin their discussion with face-to-face meetings, the establishment of personal rapport, and an affirmation of the values that we shall never compromise and ever uphold.

While in Washington, I also expect to renew my acquaintance with various members of the Congress that received me so warmly on my first visit, and to get down to serious discussions with the officials of the International Monetary Fund. And equally important, I shall be renewing contacts with the Filipino communities in the cities I shall visit. For they represent in the most vivid way for Americans the other side of the longest-standing alliance for peace in the Pacific.

I'm so happy to be back. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

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10:20 A.M. EST

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/8/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

1989 NOV -8 PM 1:52

November 8, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *AA for CW*

FROM: EDWARD McNALLY *EM*

SUBJECT: ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR PRESIDENT CORAZON AQUINO

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration and review are draft remarks for tomorrow morning's arrival statement, welcoming Philippine President Corazon Aquino to the White House.

II. DISCUSSION

At 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 1989, you are scheduled to go to the South Lawn of the White House to greet Philippine President Corazon Aquino, and to make a brief arrival statement. An audience of approximately 1,000 is expected.

The attached remarks note the exciting progress the Philippines have made since the miracle of "People Power" -- stressing your belief in the power of free elections and free markets to bring about national prosperity for any country.

Of course, from the American perspective, the most important challenge in U.S.-Philippine relations is securing a long-term commitment for our regional bases. The remarks emphasize the long, shared tradition of Americans and Filipinos fighting side by side to preserve freedom, peace and stability in the Philippines and in the Pacific region. The importance of this tradition is emphasized by a telling bit of research uncovered by Bob Simon -- that while 20-year-old Lt. George Bush was flying his final missions of the war against enemy shipping in Manila Bay, 11-year-old Corazon Aquino was praying in safety with her family down below.

We've included this anecdote not to emphasize your war record -- but rather, to underscore your personal, long-term commitment to the freedom and security of the Philippines.

McNally/Simon
November 8, 1989
Draft Seven (B:CORY.AR)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR PRESIDENT AQUINO
THE SOUTH LAWN, THE WHITE HOUSE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1989

Mrs. President, welcome back to the United States. And
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of "people power."

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It was because so many Philippine citizens sacrificed their lives that General MacArthur was able to wade ashore at Leyte [LAY-tee] Gulf with Philippine President Osmena [os-MAIN-ya]. MacArthur had returned and, fighting side-by-side with your countrymen, victory was achieved.

And 45 years ago, almost to the day, I, too, was proud to play a part in the fight to bring peace and freedom to the Philippines. The skies over Luzon were thick with puffs of anti-aircraft fire, black and menacing. I was a 20 year-old kid, piloting a T.B.M. Avenger on a daylight raid against enemy warships, borne up by the winds of Manila Bay and the prayers of the Philippine people. \\

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Welcome back, Mrs. President. God bless you. God bless the people of the Philippines. And God bless the friendship between our two nations. Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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November 8, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: EDWARD McNALLY *EMW*

SUBJECT: TOAST FOR STATE DINNER FOR PRESIDENT AQUINO

I. SUMMARY

At 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, November 9, 1989, you are scheduled to offer a pre-dinner toast at the State Dinner honoring Philippine President Corazon Aquino.

II. DISCUSSION

Attached for your consideration and review are draft remarks for tomorrow evening's toast at the State Dinner honoring Philippine President Corazon Aquino.

McNally/Simon
November 8, 1989
Draft four (B:CORY.TST)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TOAST AT STATE DINNER FOR PRESIDENT AQUINO
STATE DINING ROOM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1989
8:00 p.m.

Mrs. President, Members of the Philippine delegation -- it's a great pleasure and an honor for Barbara and me to welcome you to the White House tonight.

I have always felt a special tie to the Philippines. That's partly because I first saw it in a very dramatic time in my life, and in the life of the Philippines -- 1944.

But it's also because, returning years later -- having traveled to dozens of other lands -- only made me realize how extraordinary the friendship of the Philippine people truly is. The Filipino reputation for kindness, generosity, loyalty, and easy laughter is well-deserved -- and well appreciated by me and every American lucky enough to visit your shores.

And, like me, America has long shared a special friendship with the Philippines that is strong and enduring.

Part of the enduring friendship between our nations has been based on our shared sacrifices, as we fought together side by side, a poignant reminder of the cost of freedom.

And part of our enduring friendship has been based on very practical concerns. We want to help the Philippines strengthen its democracy and continue its economic recovery, and we have offered our belief that a new, long-term security agreement will

enhance our mutual security. In addition, speaking as a political leader, a new agreement will preserve bipartisan support for continued economic and military aid.

But part of America's love of the Philippines is based on pure, unabashed, sentiment and optimism. Americans have cheered the "People Power" revolution which galvanized the world, inspiring freedom-loving people everywhere. You proved that ballots are stronger than bullets -- and that while democracy can be delayed -- ultimately, it cannot be denied. \\\

Your accomplishments since 1986 are monumental. A new Constitution in 1987. Free elections for thousands of local and national leaders. The restoration of press freedom and other civil liberties.

In just a few short years, the Philippines has gone from a deep recession to steady growth. We urge you to continue with the free market reforms needed to spur Philippine economic development.

Political and economic freedom are the destiny of the Philippine people. And the destiny of the American people is to stand with you.

Mrs. President, earlier today I spoke of our nations' shared commitment to freedom, democracy, peace and stability.

But just as important as the values that link us as nations, are the fundamental values that link us as peoples -- what Barbara calls "faith, family and friendship." You have said that

being a grandparent makes you happier than being President.

Well, Cory -- that's just one more thing you and I agree on. \\\

By your leadership, by your example of faith in family and friends you have inspired a generation of freedom-lovers on both sides of the Pacific.

Mrs. President -- Let us raise our glasses. Here's to Philippine-American friendship. To a better world for our grandchildren -- and for children everywhere. To the peace and prosperity of your great nation. To Ninoy Aquino, the father of a movement that changed the world.

And, most of all, here's to hope -- as you once put it, to "blazing, serene hope" -- and to those who inspire it around the globe.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/6/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11/7/89 3:00 PM

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REMARKS: Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 3:00 PM, Tuesday, November 7, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

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McNally/Simon
November 6, 1989
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countries -- the key to balanced, long-term growth.

~~Part of your mission here is to spread the word to American
business of the opportunity, warm welcome, and superb field
conditions awaiting them in the Philippines.~~
^s ~~and~~ ~~and superb~~

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^{the promise of MAI will be fulfilled.}

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~~dedicate their Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Of course, Vietnam was not the first time soldiers from our two lands dug in together to fight for democracy. ~~32 years ago~~ 45 years ago this fall, an American hero clenched a corn-cob pipe in his teeth and waded ashore at Leyte~~ ~~[[LAY-tee]]~~ Gulf -- shoulder to shoulder with Philippine President Sergio Osmena ~~[[Os-MAIN-ya]]~~. MacArthur had returned. The liberation of the Philippines was at hand. \\\

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*No Comments
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Arrival Statement and Toast for President Aquino

Pursuant to James Cicconi's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matters. We have no legal objection to the two presidential statements.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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John Hagin
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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Arrival Statement and Toast for President
Aquino

We have reviewed the Presidential remarks for the arrival and toast for President Aquino and have included our comments on the attached draft.

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Attachment

c: James W. Cicconi

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER B. PORTER

FROM: STEPHEN P. FARRAR ^{SRF}

SUBJECT: Arrival Statement and Toast for President
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As requested, I have reviewed the Presidential remarks for the arrival and toast for President Aquino and have included comments on page two of the attached draft.

Recommendation: That you sign the memo at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Memo to Winston
Tab B Incoming Staffing Memo

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/6/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11/7/89 3:00 PM

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REMARKS: Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 3:00 PM, Tuesday, November 7, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE: *No comment*

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One small comment on the Arrival Statement:

pg. 3, para. 2, lines 1-2 "...I, too, was fighting to bring peace and freedom to the Phillipines."

We suggest toning down this passage on the President's own experience in the Phillipines during the War. If we phrase it with a slightly more humble tone, it will be more credible and better suit the President's style of personal modesty. E.g., "I, too, was proud to play a small part in the fight to bring peace and freedom...."

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