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**DURING THE OATH-TAKING CEREMONY OF DAVAO CITY VICE MAYOR SEBASTIAN DUTERTE**

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Daghang salamat. Kindly take your seats.
Wa ko kahibaw ako diri ang sunod dayon. [laughter] Ipa ila-ila lang.

I am at a loss for the words to characterize our presence here this afternoon. Akong mga anak ug ako. Tan-aw nako in terms of politics og ang gugma sa mga tawo nagpabilin sa among pamilya. Started in the same sitios diri. Many years ago my father was governor. Kaning giayo naman ni.

But then it used to be the provincial capitol. Kay ang Davao usa ra ni adto. Davao province and the capital was Davao City. He was governor for 12 years. And then 20 years after --- hardly a dynasty actually --- napili ko ang mayor.

And then si Inday, si Pulong ug si Baste. Wala na ko’y mapangayo sa mga tawo. Sagad na nga ang hiningi ko sa inyo. Iyong --- the confidence and the trust and of course your belief na kaya ko pati kaya ng pamilya ko na dalhin niyo ‘yung siyudad to a more progressive city.

I was around before ‘88. Ang opisina ko diyan sa baba. Because then we were prosecutors at ang aming opisina ay itong baba ng building na ‘to. At that time already owned by the City of Davao. Kasi pinaghati-hati nila ‘yung province after my father died. So may Davao del Sur, Davao Norte, Davao Oriental, Occidental tapos sa may Davao de Oro, Davao City.

So these are now the different local units comprising the old original Davao province. Makita mo, malaki. It was really a huge place that if you go from one end to the other maybe from orient, quadra costa ang tawag nila diyan. You have to take the boat and you will be away for three days before you can come back.

Wala pa na’y dalan ni adto. So ana kadako ang Davao. Noong nag-fiscal ako... You know you want justice in its purest form. Pero in the course of my stint, mas marami akong nakitang injustices. Marami akong nakikitang corruption at ‘pag... All the things that will go awry and make it wrong.

Marami akong nakitang droga na bumagsak sa kaso ako ang humahawak --- for the simple reason na ang dumadating doon sa una tawas na lang. And ofcourse despite of my lamentations ganun talaga ang nangyari.

That’s why when I was elected mayor isa lang gyud ang tunong nako. Because then the streets did not belong to the citizens of the city, the alleys, the roads, and the highways. And even the commuters ‘yung mga jeep papuntang Toril, Calinan, without any let-up every now and then hold-up dito, hold-up doon.

At kakaumpisa na ng droga. Ang nakita ko na maraming totoo na bumagsak frankly really if you implement justice in its purest form, the average is 70 percent goes to the accused of being acquitted or exonerated. Ang 30 na lang ang naiwan for the government to fight it out.

That is my experience. I do not know about the other prosecutors. Diyan ang sumasakit ng loob ko. But I could not do anything because hindi naman tayo kasali sa... In the administration of other things except to do some trial work everyday and to see so many criminal cases bumagsak dahil sa corruption.

Let me leave you... I will not stay for long in this world. I am old, I know that my sunset --- my sunset is malapit na. So ang iiwan ko lang ganito --- and for the young people and for Sebastian and maybe for si Pulong pati si Inday: For as long as we do not have a clean government; For as long as corruption is there; and for as long as there is no law and order, this country even given a 50 years interval at ibigay mo na mga ilang mayors, we would still be in the same level of civilization.

We cannot hope to rise. For every table in the government, be it in the local or in the national, pagka dumating ‘yang papel diyan, meron talaga ‘yan. It’s either they delay it and pabalik-balikin ‘yung tao until the money is given. Plain extortion. Ganun ‘yan. Permits, certificates of whatever. Iyan ang madalas sa Maynila --- national government pati dito.

So maybe when I go back after... I’m leaving right after this ceremony. I’m leaving for Thailand to attend the ASEAN. Pagbalik ko I will just write an executive order.

Sinabi ko naman noon na ‘pag may pumunta ‘yung tao, it has to be in connection with your duties. And then bigyan mo siya ng papel na nakalista na doon ang dapat i-produce niya. And if there’s any correction mag-iwan sila ng address or a cellphone number where they can be called to submit a more detailed or a corrected. But never, never na sabihin na bukas na kasi ganun wala pa hindi pa natapos. And even NEDA, hindi ngayon. Meron lang konting na-delay because of a policy.

Maraming construction ang airports but I cannot act on it with a --- in a jiffy --- because of some important policies as yet to be determined. For all the others ‘yung roads and airports, okay na tayo. And there will be a lot of --- then the remaining three years. Ako ang gusto ko ako na lang ang magsalita tutal nandito na lang rin ako: I will be very strict and if I have to fire people I will do it, friends or foe.

Iyon ang usapan natin noon, ‘yan ang usapan natin pag-alis ko. Kaibigan kita, sinabi ko na sa iyo noon, anything but graft and corruption kasi diyan tayo nasisira. And you know why? Kayong taga-Davao alam ninyo na I had a Chinaman’s chance of making it to the presidency. Talagang hindi ko na sa sarili ko masabi na manalo ako. Well after all ilan lang sila ang sumuporta sa akin.

Well of course Romualdez is one and then ito si Charles, Sammy, they provided me with the money. Pero wala talaga akong sabihin mo na may mga leader except Imee, Abet Garcia sa Bataan, dito sa Visayas except for Leyte, Tacloban. Sa Cebu wala. In the hometown of my father wala kaming leader ni isa. Of course the Duterte’s there because they were or they are relatives.

Namatay na nga ‘yung isa pumunta ako noong --- about five nights ago. So iyan. Ang tingin ko I was alone when my daughter said na, “Presidente ka na, Pa.” ‘Yung kapatid nilang kalahati, si Kitty. I started to ponder: “Anong gawain ko?” In the first place hindi ko talaga akalain manalo ako. Far from it. Even the surveys, up to the last minute, it was also a last minute rise na hindi na nila mahabol.

Why? I could only give you one explanation, totoo ‘yan. Pera magbigay sila pero hindi man nila pwedeng ibigay ‘yung pera nila sa negosyo nila eh. A little, medyo marami nagbigay. Pero kung malalaki, tamang-tama lang.

So bakit ako nanalo? Bakit ako nanalo, nag-landslide ako sa Metro Manila? But of course in the provinces where I --- half my family ties sa Lanao del Sur --- it’s my mother. Maano na kasi ang istorya nito eh --- mahaba na kasi ang istorya bakit kami nagka-ganun. Gaya ‘yung lolo ko na Chinese tapos Roa. Just give me a chance to talk to you because I have to retrace why naganun.

Pero ‘yung pagka-konti kong pagka-Maranao gave me the reason for the landslide sa lahat. Sa lahat ng lugar ng mga Moro. And there’s a reason for that actually, it’s blood.

Iyong iba naman ang tingin ko talaga ang message na dinala ko sa tao and what was it? Corruption, criminality, droga, pati lahat na. So sabi ko sa corruption hintuan na ninyo. Tayo naman dito magkasama tayo but there was never a time na na-involve itong Davao City.

Maybe in the early administration. Pero sabihin I was taken a ride for it and I --- kasi mga kaibigan, matanda. Ito ngang beer na San Miguel it’s supposed to be in Astorga, nalipat doon sa Santa Cruz sa Darong. Dito sana but for a simple ‘yan ‘yan hingi-hingi nga hingi-hingi.

It could have provided tax and work for the people of Davao. So iyan ang tandaan ninyo. Iyan ang iiwan ko talaga sa inyo. ‘Pag nandiyan pa ‘yang corruption at hindi mo kaya i-maintain ang order... You must return the streets to the citizens. You must return the sense of safety if they ride in commuter buses. You must be strict on all things. Tutal wala namang personalan. Kaya for example, drinking on the streets, gathering in a corner, takot ‘yung mga tao maglabas. And all the harassments that a human being has to suffer every night, every day because of these hooligans.

Kaya little things mean a lot to everybody. Kaya sabi ko doon sa Maynila, alisin ninyo ‘yang mga p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* ‘yan para ang mga tao makagalaw, hindi matakot. Sabihin mo, “Kung wala kayong ginagawa, do not do it here. If you do not have a place to drink, then look for a haunted house, doon kayo mag-inom. Huwag diyan sa daan.” And except for a few places dito sa probinsya, wala na masyado.

Ngayon, ang ano nito is mas takot ngayon ang mga tao sa pulis pati sa sundalo kaysa mga mayors. Kasi kung ang mayor ang mag-report, papalitan ‘yang Chief of Police diyan. Kagaya nila Bato.

Ito, I do not --- I do not tinker. You do your duty, you select your station commanders sans my intervention. Kaya ganun ang ginawa ko sa ano. But it will still improve. Ang problema lang, itong NPA keeps on fighting.

You know guys 53 years should be enough. I saw your face when we were young, and I could see your face now. Well, any dermatologist would be happy to fix you.

But you know, that is not our... Hindi ko nga magamot-gamot. I forgot the medicine again for this afternoon. Eh ganun talaga. Nasunog, hindi na... Because I have to go to camps, almost... I have to be with my soldiers whenever there’s some stressful moments. So... Ganun na lang ang sakripisyo ko.

Pero itong droga, alam mo, my advice --- maraming reaction sa national ‘to eh. Actually I’m talking about the bad guys. I am not talking about politicians. We never had had any violence sa politics dito. ‘Yang patayin ‘yung kalaban ganun. We just played politics to the hilt.

Pero ang sabi ko itong mga bad, ito ‘yung mga droga, ito ‘yung kidnap for ransom, ito ‘yung mga pulis, ito ‘yung mga generals na involved sa droga.

Alam mo sa totoo lang kung hindi ka marunong pumatay, huwag ka na mag-presidente. At takot ka ring mamatay, huwag ka na ring mag-presidente. Ma-inutil ka. Ngayon pagka sinabi mo na hintuan mo ‘yan, do not do it, and my favorite refrain is: Do not destroy my country. Because if you keep on feeding our children with drugs, patay ang Pilipinas. If you keep on asking money, the investors would have the second thought about being here. Kailangan talaga malinis at protektado sila.

So itong Cabinet ko, more or less, may question diyan. If it takes too long, it is Sonny Dominguez whom I trust. If he has so many questions about finances, eh hindi ko iniistorbo ‘yan kasi alam ko, he’s doing it for the good of the country, and so with the other military guys in the Cabinet.

Almost half of my Cabinet members are military men. Now they say that, “Ito si Duterte, nagpapalakas sa military pati pulis.” Ha? I was elected by the people. I do not owe anything to anybody. Bumoto ang pulis pati ang Armed Forces sa akin. But I am not the President of just one entity or organization. I am a guy who was elected by the people. Huwag mong sabihin na magpa... Kaya ang motto ko noong na-mayor ako dito at Presidente ako, pareho. It’s almost parallel.

Ang bunganga ko, dala-dala ko rin. If they say that I am not a statesman, I never claimed to be one. At wala mang subject na statesmanship doon sa law school. Obligation and Contracts, Criminal Law. And if they do not like my character, the more that I do not like them. So why should I follow them? Pero there has to be a limit in everything. And I choose my time to stop attacking.

Alam mo kasi may mga religious diyan, pati itong mga yellow, before the elections, they were already crucifying me. And after the elections, they continued. In two months, nag-ano na sila ng revolutionary and they were marching down the streets of Manila. Eh hinayaan ko. Sabi ko sa military pati pulis in one of the command conferences, may insidente na ‘yung medisina sa sundalo, nawala ‘yung pera --- ghost deliveries. And at that time, I was fixing the Nayong Pilipino kasi ‘yung mga tao doon gave a franchise to a gambling casino without bidding.

Sabi ko na noon pa, bidding talaga ‘yan. And a bidding that is right. Hindi ‘yan rigged. So I just came from there. Tapos nalaman ko na ganun pagdating ko sa command conference. So sabi ko, “I thought you had my back covered? But if this is the way how you do it, if the four major commanders --- Albayalde of the Police, Air Force, Navy, pati Army, I will step down and resign.” Huwag ninyo akong ano --- I have no qualms.

In one of the Cabinet meetings, ganun rin nagalit ako. ‘Yung so many requirements that it is almost impossible to start a business if you have to comply. So ganun ‘yon. I’m directing tutal nandito na rin kayo.

List down the things that are to be submitted in connection with the application or clearance. Huwag mo nang dagdagan ‘yan, huwag mo nang pabalikin. ‘Yon na ‘yan. ‘Pag hindi mo nalista, then you explain to me in writing to your head office bakit hindi mo nilista ‘yan at bakit pabalik-balik ‘yung tao.

And I’m talking of the entire executive department, lahat kayo. Ang Congress and Supreme Court hindi ko teritoryo ‘yan. Kapag hindi ninyo ganunin, mag-ano tayo niyan. Kaya papatulan ko kayo. I am encouraging people to name you publicly sa 888(8). Kung sino ‘yang hudas na ‘yan na direktor o ano. Parang Civil Registrar, Register of Deeds, dito sa Census, NBI. Kaya diyan ngayon sa OFW, isa na lang, the old Postal Office.

Lahat ‘yan may satellite. Tutal computer naman ‘yan. Lokohan pa naman tayo. Akala ko ba computer makes life more easier for everybody? Kaya ‘yan.

Droga? Papatayin talaga kita. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* mo. Hihiritan kita. Nationwide? You listen, you idiots. P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*, maaabutan kita. Oo. Do not give me that s\*\*\* about human rights. I have a duty to protect --- to preserve and protect the people of my country. Ikaw diyan, isa ka lang? Nabaril ka? You are a dead carcass to me. You’re a piece of meat dying there.

Ito ang tatay. ‘Pag ito ang bumagsak sa droga, patay na. Magsige na away ‘yan, magsige na nakaw, hindi na magtrabaho, wala ng pagkain. Wala ng pagkain sa mesa at dysfunctional na lahat. Bagsakan na. How many of them? T\*\*\* i\*\*, by the thousands ‘yan.

Ang bilang nga ni Bato individually 1.6 after the Tokhang operation. Santiago, the former PDEA said it was 3 million. They’re both correct. Nobody’s wrong. Ang Manila ang counting nila doon lang rin sa Maynila.

They never considered Cebu, Davao, Cagayan, Bacolod, Iloilo, Lanao.

Ngayon pag dysfunctional ang pamilya, marami ng Pilipinong gunggong. Hindi mo naman talaga mag... Wala na. Sabi ko do not do it during my time. I will not allow you. Makinig kayong mabuti. Hindi ko talaga gustong marinig na sumabog sa droga ang Pilipinas sa panahon ko. Kayo ang pasabugin ko. P\*\*\*\* i\*\* ninyo. Huwag ninyo akong --- don’t f\*\*\* with me about drugs. Hindi ko kayang tanggapin ‘yan.

‘Yang murder-for-hire, kayong mga... Kaya pag-isipan ninyo ‘yan kasi mamamatay talaga... Maaabutan ko kayo eh. ‘Pag hindi na ako presidente, lalo kitang hunting-in. Karami kong baril na may silencer. Tirahin lang kita sa likod tapos tatalikod ako, wala.

Do not... Do not do it. ‘Yang droga, alis kayo diyan mga kriminal. Huwag. Three years lang naman. After that, bahala kayo kung sinong ma-presidente papayag sa kalokohan ninyo. Huwag sa akin. Huwag sa akin. Ako talaga pumapatay. Alam ng mga taga-Davao ‘yan. Eh ‘di kayo.

Now, in the matter now of... Ako nahihiya kasi people keep on repeating that phrase about dynasty. Totoo man ‘yan. Masama man talaga na isang pamilya lang ‘yan for so many years. Ang problema ang tao.

Kaya ‘yung sabi ko hindi na ako mag-mayor. Eh ang gusto nila si Inday. Ang partido ko ang sundin ko because that is the party --- ‘yang Hugpong --- who will support me during the election. Eh sila ‘yung may gusto. Then after that si Pulong.

But I advised him to resign as a matter of honor and principle. Tutal sabi ko, “Bata ka pa. Marami pang eleksyon sa buhay mo.” Kaya ito sinasabi ko sa inyo mga anak ko, “Stay humble. Do not flaunt that power. Kita mo ako mas gusto kong hindi ako pansinin ng tao.” I would rather just cover in one corner. Ayaw ko ‘yang pansinin ako. ‘Yang [clap] ganun. Nagsawa na ako niyan. Ilang taon na?

I just want to do things. And I do not accept awards because I am paid to do that --- every time they say, “May award ka,” sabi ko, “no.” Bayad ang serbisyo ko diyan. No awards, no nothing. Wala, huwag kayong ano diyan. You are just wasting your time. I do not appreciate it because my view is that... My honest opinion is, bayad man ako. Bakit mo ko i --- pa-award-award ka pa diyan. Mas mabuti pa mag-behave na lang tayong lahat.

Itong komunista, I don’t know if there is a chance of talking again. Maybe yes, maybe no. Depende na lang sa back channeling natin. But one thing is clear, again I restate, “You have to declare a ceasefire and you have to stop collecting money from the people and from the businessmen.”

Wala kayong pera, maski marami alam ko man meron, I will sponsor your billeting and hotel. Gusto ninyo diyan sa Insular kay maraming multo ‘yang mga kwarto diyan. A lot of Davaoeños and taga rito sumuko talaga diyan. Pati si Tulfo, Ramon matapang-tapang naman ‘yan, tapos nag-kuyos ‘yung... Sabi niya, “Meron diyang ano?” “Meron. Kaya nga hindi ako nakalapit diyan eh.” Pero sila, ilagay ko talaga diyan. Maybe the --- the soul of the devils there or the fallen angels are there to shake you up.

Ayaw ko ng ano, pero wala eh. Kasi ‘pag ayaw ko, ginusto naman ng anak ko. Eh alang-alang hindi ko naman suportahan dahil lang sa principle of dynasty. Kung ma-realize niya na bigyan na natin ng chance, maybe after this, if my daughter Inday would decide, “Let us give others a chance.” Kasi kung ang Duterte pa rin magtakbo, I’m sure huwag lang sirain ‘yung pangalan, mananalo pa rin ‘yan. Kasi sundin nila ‘yung style ko, marami pa ring mamamatay na mga g\*\*\*. Marami pa ring durugista dito na talagang maputol ‘yung ulo.

Now ngayon kung peace time na, eh di sabihin ko sa kanila na sabi ko it’s about time that we give others a chance. The political power of the city was or in the hands of the Duterte family starting in ‘88. Ako na ‘yung naga --- taga-parle eh.

Kayo, original tayo lahat eh. Oo ito original kayo. ‘Yung mga tatay pa ninyo --- mga apo na kayo ngayon --- nag-abot na lang. Ako, may apo na rin sa tuhod. Nag-abot na lang ‘yung mga granddaughters or grandsons. But if you think Davaoeños that they are not already up to it, then by all means I suggest other leaders here to put up a strong opposition so that the people will have a choice na hindi lang ang Duterte pala ang marunong. I encourage you to do that because this is democracy.

But for as long as na nandito ako, mabuti’t na nga after three years wala na ako. I am down-and-out. I will retire. But then again, I just cannot stay nonchalant na ang anak ko ang nakataya diyan. Eh anak eh. Maski bolahin mo man sarili mo, a daughter is a daughter, a son is a son. Wala kang magawa. Kaya nga nag-take oath sila, hindi naman nila sinabi.

At 7:30 ‘yung cook pagdating sa bahay, tinawagan ni Elizabeth, si Nita. Mga alas-sais pa naglaklak na ako ng Stilnox. I take Stilnox to sleep. Prescribed ‘yan. Tulog ka talaga because Stilnox makatulog ka lang ng 6 hours, parang nag-hit ka ng mga 8 because not even dreams, wala sarado talaga.

So ‘yon ang ipagbilin ko. Dapat ako rin talaga ang umano sa... Baste will have a --- he has to have the learning curve. Basahin mo na lang ‘yung rules of parliament --- ‘yung parliamentary rules, pareho lang ‘yan. You will learn in about two months.

What you cannot learn is the temperament of each and every councilor. ‘Yan ang hindi mo --- kung anong gusto nila. But for the good of the city, maganda ang proposal, pwede ‘yon. Pero ‘yang mga contract-contract na ano, papasok dito ganun. Maybe, ganito kasi ang practice eh, maghanap talaga sila ng padrino. The Chinese way of doing it parang ganun. That is a Chinese influence. Magharap muna, makipagkita sa Malacañan, that we are entering the shipping industry. Okay lang. And I encourage everybody to report any anomaly maski anong oras.

Kaya itong si Trillanes sa ka-bobo niya, sabi ko na ngang walang utak itong g\*\*\*\*\* ‘to, ‘yung frigate, nabili ‘yon panahon nila, nabayaran na. At tama ‘yung sinabi ni Bong, ang gusto lang nila ‘yung dalawang kampo diyan sa mili --- sa Navy nag-away kung anong klaseng --- kung baka kotse pa, ano ang gusto mong ilagay? Sony ba o Toshiba ba ang sounds?

So ang Koreano, sabi ko you can go to the office ---- my office, pumunta. Ipinakilala kay Bong. Bong sent the guy to Lorenzana. Si Lorenzana naman wrote a letter sa legal na kindly... Bakit ganito? Kasi ang gusto ng Koreano i-deliver na. And for the itong... Natutunaw talagang utak nitong p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* Trillanes na ‘to. ‘Yung sulat ni Lorenzana, dala-dala niya. Then went to Congress to expose. Sabi ko, sinong gumawa kay Bong ng Senador? Si Trillanes, ‘di ba? Ipinatawag niya para bastusin niya. ‘Yan ang style niya eh. Bastusin niya ang tao, hiyain niya. Eh wala naman talaga kaming pakialam eh. Delivery ‘yon. Bakit hindi ma-deliver?

So kung may pera doon, sila ‘yon. Hindi kami. Wala pa kami noon. If there was something wrong, if there was money there, kila Trillanes ‘yon, hindi sa amin. Ang number one na graft and corruption diyan noon sa PMA, ‘yung tatay niya pati ‘yung nanay niya.

Remember ‘yung Kevlar? It’s a helmet na matigas na hindi matamaan ng --- kung bala hindi masyado maka-penetrate. That’s Kevlar. Ang nag-deliver noon ang nanay ni Trillanes pati si Napoles. ‘Yan ang totoo diyan.

Kaya ni-review siya. Tinawag ‘yan ni Bong, walang ma-ano si Bong. Sabi ni Bong, you’re there. O tignan mo, sabi ko kay Bong, “Bong manalo ka ng senador, tignan mo.” Sila, hindi nga manalo-nalo ang mga g\*\*\*, o si Bong ngayon, sige tawa. Kay...

Bong, tumindig ka naman, pasalamat ka sa mga tao. [applause]

Buhay man ‘yan. Sinabi ko, “Punta ka doon. Wala ka namang sagutin. Just tell the truth.” Sabi daw ni ano, isa diyan sa mga military, “Ah hindi ‘di bale Bong, tutal ano man ito executive session.” Closed door ba ang ano lang. Sabi ko, “Huwag kang pumayag. Huwag kang pumayag,” sabi ko, “demand an open and public investigation.”

So noong tinuruan sila ni Bong na ganun, na-tanga nga itong si Trillanes, ayun. Wala nang maniwala. Nag-imbento pa ng Otso para sa
inidoro. [laughter] All Trillanes has to do is to pull the flush. Ano ‘to ‘yung? Bilyon-bilyon. Gi-plus-plus nila. Kung kayo magtingin, okay lang. Kilala ka man ni... Sabi ko, patingin sa ano ni Rudy. Sabihin ko, tawagan ko si... O sige. Pero itong mga uto-uto na ito p\*\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*\*\* Trillanes na ito, duwag pa.

Ang problema kasi pagka ganun, tanungin ko kayo ha. Huwag kayong --- do not be offended. We accept all genders nowadays. Sinong bakla dito? ‘Yang prangka lang. Ako, bakla man ako noon. [laughter] Sino?

Itong mga photographer nitago. Sinong bakla dito? Tanungin kita. Sa asta ni Trillanes, babae siya o lalaki?

Alam mo, hindi ko alam ‘yan ha. Nanood ako ng TV sa ano --- sa sala, sa bahay ko. May ano ba ‘yung mga waiter ko, sabi niya nakita niya si Trillanes naga-yawyaw. Sabi niya, “Huwag mong pansinin ‘yan siya.” “O bakit? Hindi ko man pinapansin ‘yan.” “Sir, bakla man ‘yan.” Sabi ko, “totoo ka?” “Sir, sure ako, bakla ‘yan. Magtanong ka ng bakla, kung mag asta ‘yan.” ‘Di tinanong ko nga ‘yung iba. Sabi nila, “bakla talaga ‘yan.” Kasi ang bakla madali maka-ano eh.

Ako naman iba ang talent ko. ‘Pag nakakita ako ng babae sabihin ko, “maganda ‘yan.” ‘Pag lapitan mo ‘yan maganda talaga ‘yan. Basta ako ang nagsabi. Lalo na pati ‘yung konsehal doon sa likod o. Totoo. Kita mo sinong maglakad noon? Naga --- ang shoulder nagatuyok, gumaganon. Bakla lang ang gumaganon eh.

Pero wala akong ano sa bakla ha. Kapatid ni --- dalawang kapatid ni Elizabeth, bakla. I do not have any qualms about... Sa dormitoryo ako ang kasama ko sa kwarto bakla. But there was always this space of respect. Wala akong ano sa mga bakla. Ako nga ang taga-depensa sa kanila sa dormitoryo eh. Eh kasi kinakaya-kaya. Wala akong...

Well anyway, 6 o’clock baka hindi ako maka-landing doon sa... I’m supposed to land on a military base there. Hindi sa airport nila. So I’ll be out for three days and I said I will sign the executive order. I will just give you a limited time including the Cabinet members. ‘Yung extension, depende na lang kung i-justify nila. But ‘yung lahat ng ano you better do it.

Pagka may magpunta diyan sa assessor asking for an assessment, okay ito. I-demograph na ninyo. Tapos isulat mo kung sino ang nag-receive. You tear it, ibigay mo sa tao so para hanapin niya ikaw. That is the only way to improve things as they are now. But we can still do it more. At least tumataas ang ating economy --- except for the budget.

Now, look what happens when you tinker with the budget. The budget was not there for three months. So walang spending, walang activity, walang magbayad, walang magbili kasi walang pera, especially the Build, Build, Build.

We suffered, how much? Almost mga 72 billion. Naghina ang atin --- ang GDP eh. GDP is income, period, for a quarter. Medyo nag-dive tayo kasi ‘yon nga ‘yung budget na-hostage. So that is how I proposed to do. Let us move faster. Sana matuloy ‘yung ano. Hot na hot ‘yung Hapon talaga sa train pati ‘yung China.

Itong China, ganito ‘yan eh. For the bright people, for the military, for the police, and for everybody. ‘Yang ganyang banggaan ng baroto pati bangga --- even a larger --- it could be a schooner or what --- that is a maritime incident or accident. Parang bungguan ‘yan sa highway. It is not a confrontation of armed men and machines or ships. Wala nga lang namatay.

So dito sa atin, it’s the police. Merong maritime police. But usually in other countries at pati tayo, we consider it a maritime incident at it should be investigated ng mga Coast Guard or tayong mga abugado, we call it the Marine Board of Inquiry. Alam ninyo ‘yan. Hindi ‘yang tatawagin mo ‘yung grey ships. The grey ships are the warships, ‘yung Navy. You do not call the Navy pagka walang giyera. You just concentrate on the police, fisheries, or may aksidente, Coast Guard.

Hindi ka magpadala ng tank --- aircraft, p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\*. Tapos that is a --- you know, an open confrontation, magkabarilan pa. Hindi ako takot sa China. Takot ako na baka walang kalaban --- walang kalaban-laban tayo at baka tayo ang maubos. Pero kung sabihin na sa... Well, America has the right to interfere if it becomes a bloody confrontation. And one thing, if there is an invocation of the RP-US, it should be concurred by Congress of America. They will go to war only if the President says so, and Congress will give its concurrence. Other than that, wala.

At saka that is not the proper... Wala na ngang namatay eh. So it’s up for the --- to discuss Marine Board of Inquiry. If it is not registered in the books of the government as a ship, bangka lang na walang ano, then you go to the Coast Guard.

China says kung kasalanan nila, magbayad sila. So why do we have to go in a convoluted argument? That is the problem. A little knowledge is a very dangerous thing. So hanggang diyan ka lang tapos pasok ka nang pasok. Not good.

Ako, sigurado itong ASEAN... Ganito kasi, ah kaibigan natin ang China. Marami mang Chinese dito. Pati pamilya ko Chinese eh. Lahat naman tayo may dugong Intsik. Pero ganito, ang problema ng China, nag-drawing siya ng 10 --- nine-dash line. Eh ‘yung linya niya sinasagad niya sa atin malapit sa coastal waters. Remember na ‘yung sa Recto Reed, it was not a matter of sovereignty, 12 miles lang tayo. That is part of our territory as a Republic. Beyond that, ang ibinigay sa atin is the exclusive economic zone. It is not an attack on our sovereignty. Malayo ‘yan.

Sovereignty is the republic. ‘Pag inatake mo ‘yan, then there’s going to be a war. Pero ‘yang sabihin mo na dito and they keep on insisting kagaya ng walang alam. Magsabi na, “We will go to ganun, ganun, ganun. Puntahan natin ang warship.” Kaya mo kaya? Kaya mo ang missile ng China? Pag-alis pa lang ng Marines ko diyan sa Palawan, ubos na ‘yan. Kaya bakit ko...? I will not do that.

Ngayon, ilagay mo ako --- you have to place me in a very advantageous position to... Tsaka ang tanong ko lang sa China, we are friends.

But you know, ang China, nag --- you drew a line, dikit talaga sa mga coastline ng Vietnamese, Malaysia, diyan sa Brunei. Kaya ang sabi ko, “Is it correct for China to declare ownership of an ocean?” Ako ang moderator for China sa ASEAN. But I’m posing this question, “Kaya mo ba mag-claim ng ownership ng ocean? Because nobody can prevent America from claiming a third of the Pacific Ocean.”

Ako naman dito, pagpasok mo galing Palawan --- galing India, papunta ka ng Celebes dito sa --- palabas ka ng Mindanao, Pacific, iikot ka ng ganun. Pasok ka diyan. Doon ka bandang Jolo, tapos Celebes. Dito banda, kung tignan ninyo ‘yung mapa, it is the Sulu Sea. Now, I am thinking of claiming the Sulu Sea as ours. Huwag kayong dumaan rin ‘pag wala kayong permiso sa akin. And I won’t mind if America would claim the whole of the Pacific. And the Australian would claim all. That is the danger.

Ang gusto kong sabihin. I will talk lengthily about it dito sa ASEAN. It’s not a matter of ‘yung 10-dash --- nine-dash. Simple lang, “Can you claim an ocean as your own? Because tell me now because I will also claim mine.” Nakalagay diyan, “Sulu Sea.” Happy masyado ang Abu Sayyaf. Diyan na lang kayo mangisda. Huwag kayong papasok. Anybody magpasok diyan... That is what we will be talking about tomorrow. I am just telling you now.

Maraming salamat. [applause]

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