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DURING THE OATH-TAKING CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

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I have a two-page again. Masyado namang --- bakit two pages lang naman? Nakakahiya naman sa kanila.

Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea and the other members of the Cabinet; our newly appointed officials of the different government agencies; government -owned and -controlled corporations; other distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen.

I will read first the prepared speech kasi nandiyan lahat.

I express my warmest congratulations to our newly appointed government officials.

Thank you for taking on the opportunity to serve the Filipino people through your respective offices and with a sincere commitment to effect positive change within the bureaucracy.

As public officials, we are all called to perform our duties with the highest degree of moral integrity. The values of transparency, accountability and efficiency are pillars that will continue to guide us in our quest for good governance across all levels of government.

Today, we renew our pledge to uphold a clean administration that puts a high regard on the welfare of our people. The advancement of their lives remains the most important indicator of our overall progress as a nation.

I trust that you will continue to put the people's common good over our own personal interests and use your position to rally behind every Filipino's aspiration for a better life.

May you work diligently in restoring and preserving the people's faith and trust in government as you ensure reliable public service within your respective offices.

Rest assured that I am with you in your shared quest for conscientious and responsive government. We will continue working together in order to realize our goal to eliminate the ills that weaken social institutions, especially as we now move into the second half of my term.

I count on your unwavering efforts to implement effective programs and initiatives to pursue lasting reforms in every department, agency, bureau and other administrative entities.

Again, congratulations. But before --- before I give my... Just a short one.

Time and again, the... Now I can tell you. The first time that I expressed much disappointment and was ready really to let go of the presidency was during the time when Congress was debating on the 'yung doblado na ang sweldo ng military pati pulis.

You must at least realize the importance of helping out our soldiers and policemen lalo na sa pulis in the hope na hindi sila mag --- they do not you know, baka makatulong.

But still with the revelations of --- there is a congressional investigation, it [thrilled?] me. I've been reading it since last night.

I am putting my cards on Añõ's table and of the kay Secretary of Justice. Ganito 'yan, ang procedure kasi ng gobyerno ganito. 'Pag may ma-demanda, if there's a wrong done, usually a department concerned should investigate. Itong sa mga pulis, it's Añõ sa administrative.

Ang atin kasi may Ombudsman na doon, may duplicity na because you investigate then you forward it to the Ombudsman. Pareho lang. O 'di idiretso mo na lang sa Ombudsman to save time. Iyan ang ano diyan.

So itong mga policemen, the ninja and everybody else in government, you must deal first with the department where you belong. And I expect the department to impose administrative sanctions which include gross ignorance of the law kung... Then the administrative proceeding may mete out a punishment of separation.

But for your criminal liability, it belongs now to the Ombudsman. So siya na 'yan. Ngayon, I just cannot adopt the investigation of the Senate because the Senate is not under me nor am I under the Senate.

So kung ano 'yung imbestigasyon nila rebyuhin ko at kung tumama naman sa lahat on all fours, to a T, then I will just adopt some but not all. Maybe in form or in whatever in the definition of the crimes to make it more clearer sa magbasa ng kaso.

The first time that I transmitted this to Gordon, early on, I promised the soldiers and the policemen that I will double their salary. Sabi ko sa kanila, "Pag hindi niyo ibinigay ito, wala na ako bukas. Forget about me. Bahala na kayo. Then you answer to the soldiers and policemen. I'm getting out."

I cannot you know just --- para akong inutil eh. Eh kung hindi lang naman ako makapagbigay ng commitment, and after that nonchalant you forget all about it, eh sabi ko baka hindi ako makatulong because really, really mababa talaga ang sweldo ng mga tao, ang policeman especially that they are near you know they cross the line of law enforcement and... So madali ang the temptation to commit graft and corruption.

Kaya sabi ko kung hindi niyo ibigay 'yan, sinabi ko kay Gordon noon, magre-resign ako. At saka madali lang naman. There's nothing dishonorable 'yung mag-uwi ka sa inyo sabihin mo eh wala eh.

The second time was maybe out of exasperation. It was a command conference and pumutok 'yung ghost deliveries ng medisina. Sabi ko sa doon sa pulis pati military, it was a joint, masikmura ko pa 'yang mga gasolina, 'yung conversion and all of these things. Baka hindi nila alam na alam natin lahat, not only I, not only me but everybody in government who has had an experience to work in the local government units. Alam namin 'yan.

But sabi ko okay na lang sana 'yan huwag lang itong medisina ng mga sundalo who have suffered a lot and you just give me nothing. I cannot see any reason why a soldier or a policeman or a civilian for that matter to be rejected or declined to be treated because there is no medicine.

Actually I simply refuse to believe it. Kasi ako I'm giving 100 million [*excuse me ha*] noon nagpunta 'yung staff ng PGH. It was about 64 million a year.

Sabi ko iyan lang ang problema ninyo? I called Andrea, PAGCOR. Sinabi ko, "Ma'am, mag-set aside ka mula ngayon 100 million for PGH a month."

At saka 'yang sa army, sa Armed Forces pati sa pulis, they have 50 million every month each department. Palagay ko hindi niyo talaga maubos 'yan. Kung maubos man, dadating sa akin.

So kung ganon, tapos ibigay mo sa akin 'yang garbage na walang --- talagang mag-aaway tayo. Kung hindi pa 'yang two hun --- 100 million, eh di sabihin mo. Dagdagan ki --- liguan kita ng pera ng 300 million.

And the second time was... Noong nandiyan sila lahat, Esperon sabi ko, "I am pissed off with this setup. I'm tired." Sabi ko, "if the commanders of the Air Force, Navy, Army and Police will stand up now, I will go home. There's enough flights to Davao that I can catch up with."

So ang... What I'm trying to tell you is that it's the travails of corruption. Maniwala kayo sa akin. That's why you have to help your country or it will go kaput.

And I said remember this. I will not stay long. We are just temporary you know passing by. If we cannot have a law and order in this country including the eradication of 'yung terrorist... Ang NPA has been classified as a terrorist. The organization itself the...

So kung wala tayong... Baka hindi kayo makapunta ng Zamboanga without being kidnapped. There's a lot of foreigners investing their money. Alam naman nila sinabi natin, "Do not go to these places because we are, at this time, incapable of protecting everybody."

Ewan ko naman itong mga puti, 'yung mag-retire. Karamihan niyan matanda. Ah 'yun ma-kidnap. So hindi --- hindi pa tayo preparado eh. And this will go on and on and on. But if there is corruption and we cannot really control crime and criminality, medyo mahirapan ang Pilipino.

What I am afraid of... I'm not trying to be somebody. I'm just a plain worker of government. 'Yan lang ang trabaho ko. Huwag na 'yang presidente - presidente. We are all workers of government and we serve the people. Period.

Ngayon, kung hindi kayo maniwala niyan, I have been trying to push the military and the police to go all out. Sabi ko tapusin na ninyo itong giyera na ito because kung hindi niyo matapos sa panahon ko na ako talaga nag --- ako talaga nagsasabi go out and destroy them. And if your life is in danger, please kill them.

And for those who want to continue with these drugs, it's [Sinaloa] coming in. Kaya makita mo ngayon cocaine. The rich guys are doing cocaine and they cannot be just... May mga yate, may mga eroplano. And they can puff their way to death in places where they are beyond reach by the authorities. Ganon ang style and if we cannot have a control, mahirap because ang pera talaga is corrosive.

We are all students of history. 'Pag hindi natin --- 'pag hindi ko nakaya 'to, paningin ko walang makakaya except you'll have a military running the show. There will never be an ending violence against the people and our children.

Ang nakaka... 'Yung mga anak natin. I don't know who will succeed me. Pero kung matakot lang 'yan sila diyan sa mga... You know, there's always two sides of the coin. If you are on the side of enforcing the law, you have to do it.

'Yan namang kabila, well, the opposition, they always hanker on to sasakyan nilang... Kagaya ni Robredo. Sige lang siya "human rights, human rights." As a matter of fact, I'm sending a let --- a letter to her through Secretary Medialdea. I will surrender my powers to enforce the law. Ibigay ko sa Vice President.

Ibigay ko sa kanya mga six months. Siya ang magdala. Tignan natin kung ano ang mangyari. Hindi ako makialam. Sige, gusto mo? Mas bright ka? Sige. Ikaw. Subukan mo.

Mahirap. Madali kasi mag... Ah I've been with --- I've been 21 mayors... Hindi mo na ako maloko nang mga ganon.

Ang Davao, the success story of Davao is there. There's a secret, and that secret belongs to the one who is on top. Dito ganon rin. May sikreto 'yan but that is not for discussion. It is neither good to be talking about it whether in sub rosa or publicly.

But ganitong sitwasyon sa Pilipinas, remember that all these years, all of these things were just swept in under the rug. Tinatago lang nila. And suddenly, when I became a worker of this office, dala-dala ko si Bato. "Open the records. Tell me who they are." Ayon. And of course, Magalong and the rest, the well-meaning friends.

Alam mo kasi, ganito, it's good to be loyal to a person. It is nice to be attached to an organization. Walang problema 'yan. Sa fraternity, sinabi ko hindi matapos 'yang hazing. There will always be hazing whether you like it or not. Mentras na 'yan. Pero as long as we allow fraternities to exist, not so much sororities, meron talaga 'yan. Kaya...

*[coughs]* I'm sorry I have this virus. *[coughs]* Nakuha ko sa... Ang lamig naman kasi ng Japan eh. Malamig sa gabi. T\*\*\* i\*\*. At saka tayong Pilipino, hindi man tayo sanay sa ano, our immune system mag-dive.

So itong droga, hindi talaga ito matatapos hanggang hindi mo ubusin. And of course, may I remind you again. They are mimicking me and trying to make a, you know, a poetry out of these things.

So sinabi ko na, you know, itong droga, sabi ko sa law enforcement --- and you can very well remember all the things that I uttered --- sabi ko, "Go out and destroy the apparatus of the drug people. Destroy the apparatus." At --- it includes the people there, those machines, those bodegas there do not manufacture without the human intervention.

'Pag lumaban sa inyo, patayin ninyo. Ayaw ko makita 'yung police ko na namatay. It has been my experience in Davao na dumating sa panahon na I have to give the ultimatum. Kung ayaw ninyo, o kayo rin.

You know, a drug trafficking group of whatever kind, be it a mix with Chinese and the Filipinos or with the [Sinaloa]... There's an interesting book coming up. I just don't have enough copies. So they are here. Pati itong mga Mexicano pumapasok na itong mga g\*\*\*\*\* unggoy na 'to. Sige lang sabi ko.

But if you are always sensitive with criticism doon sa itong mga human rights, ah patay, walang magawa. Wala kang magawa, palagi kang good boy, ah patay. Patay ang Pilipinas. And the narco-politics is already here matagal na. 'Yung mga mayors matagal na 'yang mga p\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* na 'yan. Ngayon lang inabot. Sila 'yan.

I remember when during the time of President Ramos, Alunan was the DILG. The guy is still alive. He called us mayors dito. Sabi niya ang DEA, the Drug Enforcement Agency ng United States warned him there sa America, "That if you do not take care of your drug problem..." It's swallowing the --- 'yung pinaka-ano. Sabi ng Amerikano diyan sa baba malakas na. And before you know it, you would become a narco-politics.

It has come to pass. How many mayors? Sila Loot, sila lahat. Ito ngayong bago, well, I'm waiting for the investigation of Año and... Kasi ako I have to conduct my own. Of course 'yung persuasive effect ng Senate result sa investigation will be considered.

'Yan ang... That's my lament. Wala talaga tayong lusot nitong droga na ito. It could only get worse before it gets better.

Ang problema, ang magsunod... Ah ako you better... Tanungin ninyo ako, get a military to be elected kay kung ma --- 'yung mga 'yung in the horizon, makita mo man.

Itong si Robredo is talking nonsense, nandoon pa sa labas. Sabihin... Sinabi ko nga noon ang... The policemen can accept gifts right away in a knee jerk. Akala kasi nila the acceptance of a gift is automatically a crime.

Lacson, I can forgive him. He's not a lawyer. Pero si Robredo, eh kung ganun ka na pagkapresidente, hindi mo alam pala ang batas, ka abogado mo, eh walang mangyari dito sa Pilipinas.

I told the public and the police and the military that you can accept gifts if they are just token or given in gratitude. Actually, I was using the words of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Law. Hindi niya nakuha.

Sabi niya, "You are suggesting an immoral thing." Hindi na ako muna umimik. Sabi ko, "Napakabobo naman nitong y\*\*\* na ito." I was quoting the very words of the law. If it's given as a token, or in gratitude, in small amounts, 'yan ang sinasabi ko.

Kasi ang nagtanong ang pulis, "Pwede bang magtanggap ng regalo?" It's the culture. Noon, parang hindi. But the Anti-Graft Law made it clear na itong mga pulis talagang makatanggap. Ako, I encourage them tumanggap especially after.

Kasi nangyari sa akin eh. After a kidnapping is solved, whether the kidnappers are killed or not, then makita ko na, "Sir, nagpadala --- magpadala dito ng ano --- lechon, ganun." "Eh..." Ang mahirap kung ganito tayo, we are a nation of fools na maski hindi mo na alam ang sinasabi, buka kaagad ang bunganga, paunahan kung sino 'yung magandang lalaki.

Ako, not all policemen are... Mind you. By and large, ang police mababait. May mga sahol lang talaga na especially 'yung nakatikim na at saka 'yung may mga kaso na. Sabihin ko kay General Año, "Tanggalin mo na lang."

Kung ayaw mong umalis diyan, well nasa iyo 'yan. So I'm warning you, policemen, who have been in the past accused or charged... Alam mo kasi madali 'yang style nila eh. They are suspended, then after the suspension o dismissed, they just go back to the --- itong administrative section ng police.

Magbayad sila ng 300, then they are reinstated. Ganun ang laro diyan. Noon pa 'yan. Alam ko na 'yan. Fiscal ako eh. Alam ko ang takbo ng... Lahat 'yung --- halos lahat... Kung 'yung lahat na meron --- and I'm preparing them. 'Yung lahat ng pulis nagkakaso na-reinstated.



That's why walang pagbabago. I don't know if the last two years would allow me to really... Tatanggalin ko talaga 'yang mga y\*\*\* na 'yan. Sumosobra eh. At 'yan hindi na maski i-triple, quadruple. Nasanay 'yan sa milyon. Hindi na 'yan sanay na ano... Milyon na ang ano diyan.

Kaya sabi ko nga dito sa pulis, "P\*\*\*\*\* i\*\* mo, 'pag naabutan kita, patayin kita." You will be the first to go. Hindi ka lang matsambahan na ikaw. Pero 'pag natsambahan ko ikaw, walang ano... Walang...

We are in a state of perdition. Walang magawa ang ano. If there is nobody who will do it, I will do it. If somebody has to go to prison, I will go to prison. If somebody has to die for it, I will die for it.

By hanging? [*coughs*] Mahirap kasi itong... We will just have to... At saka 'yang dito. I just fired the head of a --- sa Pasig. The head of the commission there. Kaya sabi ko if Congress is listening, congressmen, abolish ninyo 'yan.

There is nothing to clean in the Pasig River. It is already clean. That is the art --- state-of-the-art ng Pasig. Unless we require every building not only along the river, but everybody who has a waste to dump in a sewage or sewerage, walang mangyari.

We are wasting time. You are paying people for nothing. They cannot do anything. So ang Congress, ang pera niya buti pa ipagbili mo na lang ng bigas o medisina. Idagdag mo na lang. Maraming opisina na inutil.

So iyan ang --- 'yan ang burden ko. Then I have to go out. Baka sabihin nitong mga 'to gusto ko mag-travel. You know, I hate to travel. I have had enough nung travel. When I was young, I was already at the age of 16, 'yung kapatid ni [Admirals?] 'no?

'Yung instructor ng ano. I was flying when I was 16. Sawang-sawa na akong maglipad kaya ayaw ko especially the long haul. Akala nila siguro nag-e-enjoy ako mag... But 'yun ang ano.

I'm telling you I'm not inspiring you. I'm just stating to you. When the first opportunity, 'yung ma-under ninyo kung sino, upakan kaagad ninyo. Fire them. We do not need people. Lahat diyan. And I do not just --- pigil ako pero you know where the corruption is.

Alam man ninyo 'yan. Everybody knows saan 'yung pera. Kay kung magastos lang sana, matagal na tayong nag-up. Pero dahil sa we are being pulled down sa...

Tama 'yan na... I --- I just --- I do not believe that the Filipino people have really embraced what federalism is. It will be a good setup someday, but today when we are all in a quandary of how to solve even the smallest doon sa ano. Itong federalism maganda 'to. But if you leave it to just to the local governments to do it, madelikado especially sa drugs.

Papasukan ng drugs 'yan. Walang control. Buti dito may maghawa eh. Pero actually tinawag ko 'yang mga ano... Nandiyan --- sila nagbalik. Some are here, they were here when I said that I will --- do not --- 'wag mong sabihin na... Pati si Loot, 'wag mong sabihin na ano ka. P\*\*\*\*\* j\*\* maski general ka papatayin kita. 'Wag kayong pumasok diyan because talaga at the kind of sitwasyon, it's easy. We are on the brink actually of...

Kita mo araw-araw, hindi na u\*\*\* 'yang Human Rights araw-araw whether on the crawler diyan ng --- or diyan sa program. At saka karami na ang patay ko. The last few days everyday ang pulis ko mamatay fighting drugs. We cannot proceed as a nation if we do not do something about it.

Eh ako sa panahon ko gusto kong --- whatever be the outcome or the consequence, I'm ready for it.

But at least ako sinabi ko na sa inyo noon sa kampanya, galit talaga ako sa droga. At noon sinabi ko I am ready to just kill anybody who destroys my country. 'Yun ang ano. 'Yan ang --- that's the favorite --- 'yung sloganeering ko na 'yan ulit-ulit na 'yan pero hindi nila tinatapos. "I will kill you." They just quote the "I will kill you." So siguro magpatay talaga ako ng isa and sabihin "I will kill you because you are stupid."

Sinong gustong pumatay ng Pilipino na walang kasalanan? So the last gory sight that I saw was 'yung bata na one-year-old sa Makati na itinali sa --- tinalian na parang kahoy. Tapos the boy was raped, anal ang nasira. Patay ang bata.

Tapos here comes the Human Rights sumisigaw about a dead carcass there nakabulagta kasi hindi naman nila nakita. I guess they --- hindi naman nila alam kung totoo ang istorya o wala. Eh mas mabuti `yang malaman ninyo ang totoo kung totoo talaga `yung sinasabi mo.

So I just hope that you would --- I'm --- I'm on my way out. I suppose kayo you would have a long way to go especially `yung may mga fixed terms.

So I hope that you would really do something to help government. Ngayon kung in the horizon wala akong iniinsulto, in the horizon diyan, wala akong nakita na...

Ang sabi ko sa anak kong si Inday, sabi ko, "Day, `wag. Day, `wag kang pumasok diyan." Kasi iniimbiyerna ng mga ano eh. Sabi ko pera --- do not be offended, the Filipino people, wala kang makuhang kabutihan diyan para sa sarili mo.

You will just stay there in Malacañan. You have a 200 pesos salary --- 200,000. `Yun lang ang iyo. T\*\*\* i\*\* trabaho ka hanggang umaga karaming pirmahan.

Siguro may mga 2,000 to go ako to be appointed sa gobyerno. `Yang bakante niyo ngayon. Meron pang 200 `di ko pa natapos matatapos na lang. Tama `yung sabi ni Presidente Aquino, hindi mo matatapos. Mag-abot na lang. Hindi mo kaya, unless na `yung iba may initials, Makita mo `yung initial pirma ka na lang.

Eh mahirap `yung ganun eh. Maski kayong mga military binabasa ko talaga. And it takes time to read and to absorb and to, you know, to confront your old age. Hindi ka naman basta hanggang umaga na lang palagi. But I hope that within the next two years where you are with me na sana tulungan ninyo ako.

Ako basta corruption wala na. Automatic sa akin corruption out. As in out, wala akong ano. The latest one sa... `Yun may bakante kung sinong may gusto. Opisina ng --- anong opisina `yun? Opisina under the PNOC. Marami

pa. Maraming bakante, ang problema is really looking for an honest man. Diyan ako nahihirapan. It is really, really very hard.

And I'd like to tell you that most of those I fired were my friends in 1988 when I became mayor. And they were there to help me. And also nung Presidente ako, tumulong ito. Kaya...

Two minutes. Bakit gusto ko military? Natatakot ako sa kanila? Why? Why should I appoint them? Because I want to ingratiate myself with the military? So that what? So that they will not oust me? T\*\*\* j\*\* kaligaya ko na lang kung paalisin ako, mag-uwi na ako sa amin. Tootoo. Sabi ko do not give me that spectacle of mga armored car diyan. Kalokohan. Masyadong small time 'yan.

Hindi ginagawa 'yan ngayon. All you need is you talk to the... Then you say we do not like you. Fine, because I do not like the work. It's all yours. Ang gusto ko lang kasi sa military kasi 'pag inutusan mo, sinusunod especially the --- the righteous one. And madali.

Maski mag-shortcut basta magsabi ako go, go. I will not --- I will not order you to do anything na mapakasama sa inyo. 'Pag inutusan ko 'yang ganun, do it because it's right. Tantsado ko na 'yan. Pero 'pag hindi, nagkamali ako, ah kulong ka. Pero sa military kasi ang bureaucracy makipag-usap ka [*garbled*]. "Sir, ganito-ganito." O 'di sige. Maya-maya wala na, wala ng pera. Ah makita mo naman kung saan. And the projects na makita ninyo na...

So I hope that alam ninyo ang puso ko. I --- I desperately want to be good. A good administrator of government. Gusto ko talaga.

Hindi ko kaya sabihin mo na whether you like it or not. You will be drawn into the vortex of 'yung corruption. Maski anuhin mo.

Anything that is not right, sabihin mo na kaagad. Huwag na ninyong patagalin para kung hindi natin mapaalis, filan (file) natin ng kaso. Eh ako

nga meron akong naghintay roon ng kaso sa Human Rights. At the end of my term, there are so many thousands of... Naloko na.

Sige sabi ko `di I will try. Tatal nandiyan naman si Panelo. Adre naka-brown belt ka ah. Bilib ako.

So I'm glad that you have decided to participate one more job for you to do, added task. But this is intended for our country. Maski ganito lang ako, I really love my country.

Talagang --- lalo na nung pag-motor ko. When I first toured the --- make a tour sa --- nag-ikot ako sa ano sa Pilipinas, doon talaga ako na-in love sa bayan ko, napakaganda. Sayang naman. Salamat. *[applause]*

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