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**EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH OF  
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE  
DURING THE MEETING WITH THE PHILIPPINE ARMY (PA) AND  
PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE (PAF) OFFICERS**

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So ako pati si Bong during my mayorship days... So at that moment was si Bong ang... Sabi niya, "Ako na lang muna." Sabi niya, "Mayor, kung wala kang ibang makuha kasi..." Right there and then nasabi ko somebody should call the funeral parlor. So siya `yun lahat until he became... Siya `yung kasama ko.

So in and out kami sa --- in and out kami sa gubat. And as a matter of fact, Colonel Lorenzana was there. We're friends. Kumakain ako sa kampo niya. But at times, galing ako sa bukid nakikiusap ako sa mga NPA.

Ako naman hindi ako nag --- I'm not trying to really pull my own chair but for all `yung naka --- nung mga sundalo pati pulis na nabihag ng --- except si `yung general --- lahat `yan ako ang kumukuha pati si Bong. Kaya bilib ako. Saludo ako kung ginawa ninyo.

I'm not paying you. I know that you are not mercenaries. You do not do it for money. You do it out of passion for the love of country because we are all Filipinos and we know where to place ourselves when the time comes kung na...

Kayo nandiyan na ngayon adulthood, kayong mga sundalo, piloto. Ako naman, by stroke of fate lang, I became President. *[applause]*

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