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BY FACSIMILE

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Mrs. Corazon C. Aquino  
25 Times Street  
Quezon City  
Philippines

Dear Mrs. Aquino:

Greetings from Eugene! I am very pleased to have been asked by President Dave Frohnmayer to help with arrangements for a tree-planting ceremony to honor you and to commemorate your visit to the University of Oregon last June. We are fortunate to be able to tie the ceremony with a brief visit to our campus by Dr. Edilberto de Jesus. I am looking forward to meeting him, as I have heard many good things about him from Glenn May.

As you may already know from previous correspondence with the President's office, the selected tree is a big-leaf Oregon maple. It will be planted near the Collier House, the old house near the center of campus that was once the residence of the university's presidents. A bronze plaque will be placed at the tree's base, with the words "In Honor of Corazon C. Aquino, President of the Republic of the Philippines 1986-1992, Champion of Democracy, Ph.D. (Honorary) June 11, 1995."

The ceremony will take place on Monday, December 4, and we have invited Eugene Mayor Ruth Bascom, Springfield Mayor Bill Morrisette, and County Commissioner Jerry Rust to be present. I am arranging for a photographer and a videographer to be present to record the ceremony. We will send copies for your personal use; if you would like additional photos and tapes for publicity purposes, I have asked Elena to let me know.

We are having a glorious autumn in Eugene this year. The trees and hills are ablaze with gold, copper, red, yellow, and orange, and our days have been sunny and clear. I wish you could be here to share my pleasure in the beauty!

Sincerely,

Susan E. Plass  
Assistant Vice Provost for International Affairs

