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Mrs. Deedee M. Siytangco  
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Dear Mrs. Siytangco:

I am faxing with this letter some basic information on the University of Oregon to assist you in publicizing Mrs. Aquino's conferment of an honorary doctorate on June 11. I apologize for not sending this to you earlier this week as I had planned to do, and I hope that the delay has not caused you any inconvenience. I will be pleased to answer any questions about these materials or to provide additional information to assist you with your publicity efforts. We have also noted your request that photos, videotapes, and the texts of the citation, the president's speech, and Mrs. Aquino's response be air-mailed immediately following the commencement ceremony.

It may be helpful for you to know that David Hubin, executive assistant president, is preparing a packet of information to send to Mrs. Elena Cruz that provides, at her request, a more detailed overview of the University of Oregon. The packet will include a letter to Mrs. Aquino introducing our new president, Dave Frohnmayer, who replaced Myles Brand when he left the UO to become the President of the University of Indiana. President Frohnmayer, a graduate of Harvard, Oxford, and the University of California at Berkeley, is a former Rhodes Scholar, a former attorney general of the State of Oregon, and the former dean of the University of Oregon School of Law.

In response to the questions posed in your fax of April 20, President Frohnmayer will confer the degree at our commencement ceremony. The University Senate unanimously approved Mrs. Aquino's nomination as the recipient of our first honorary doctorate in nearly 50 years because of her international reputation for high moral leadership in defense of democracy and human rights. Moreover, the University of Oregon has a long association with Asia and the Philippines, which we consider important to underscore with this award. Students from the Philippines have studied at the university since 1906, and we currently have approximately 35 members in the university's very active Kultura Pilipinas student organization.

Finally, I would like to suggest that we correspond on a first-name basis, as that seems to me to be a more comfortable way of conducting our work together. And please, if it would make your work easier and communication swifter, do not hesitate to correspond in the future directly with our Deputy Director of Communications, Ms. Maureen Shine. She is working with me on this project and is managing the publicity from our side. Her telephone number is 503-346-3145, and her fax number is 503-346-3117.

Once again, I will be pleased to provide additional information or be of further assistance at your request.

Sincerely,

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c: Maureen Shine