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BY FACSIMILE

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Dear Elena:

It was a great pleasure to speak with you earlier this week. As I promised, I am faxing a tentative schedule for your and Mrs. Aquino's review and consideration. Apart from a few fixed, official functions — including the commencement ceremony itself, the Sunday morning brunch, and the presidential dinner on Sunday — we consider this schedule to be completely flexible and subject to revision according to Mrs. Aquino's wishes.

In preparing the attached schedule, I have kept in mind your saying that Mrs. Aquino would depart from Oregon on either June 12 or June 13. In order for you to see how we would propose to make use of the maximum amount of Mrs. Aquino's available time, I have structured the schedule on the basis of a June 13 departure. If Mrs. Aquino decides to leave Oregon on June 12, we will revise the schedule accordingly.

I would like to "walk you through" this schedule briefly to explain our thinking. Friday involves no official functions, as you requested. Transportation between Portland and Eugene, as I explained, could be either by small (ca. 20 seats) commuter plane or by a limousine provided by the University of Oregon. My suggestion, if I may offer it, would be to choose the latter for the sake of comfort, privacy, and safety. In my opinion, the commuter planes do not offer particularly pleasant travel conditions. If Mrs. Aquino decides to travel by limousine, would she prefer that we provide a stretch limousine, which would be more comfortable, or a smaller, less conspicuous luxury car such as a Cadillac Fleetwood, a Lincoln Continental, or a Lexus?

Saturday's schedule would allow Mrs. Aquino and her two companions some opportunities to become acquainted with the university campus and to meet our president and Filipino-American students. We have also suggested a press conference in the morning. The schedule provides some open time in the event that Mrs. Aquino has specific requests or interests that could not be accommodated by the rest of the schedule as it currently stands. The university's Center for Asian and Pacific Studies and Center

for the Study of Women in Society are very interested in jointly hosting a dinner for Mrs. Aquino in the evening.

On Sunday, we could arrange a Mass according to Mrs. Aquino's wishes, as we discussed over the telephone. I would like to note that if Mrs. Aquino chooses to attend the 8:30 Mass at the Newman Center, it most likely would be open to the public. If she desires a

more private, intimate service, we could help arrange one at another location or at another time at the Newman Center. Later in the morning, there will be an official brunch where recipients of the University of Oregon Distinguished Services Award will be honored, and we would hope that Mrs. Aquino could attend. The commencement ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. and will last approximately two to three hours. We would like to hold a public reception near the commencement ceremony site in the late afternoon. A dinner with the President and distinguished guests will be held that evening.

On Monday, we propose to offer the local (and visiting) Filipino-American community an opportunity to celebrate Philippine Independence Day with Mrs. Aquino at a brunch and reception that they would organize and sponsor. After you and I spoke on the telephone, I was contacted by Mr. Michael Carnahan, the director of public programs at the World Affairs Council of Oregon, located in Portland. He expressed eager interest in hosting Mrs. Aquino for a brief time. I believe that Mrs. Aquino would receive a most warm welcome in Portland, which, as you may know, is the most heavily populated region in Oregon and the state's business center. I therefore have proposed in this schedule that Mrs. Aquino spend the afternoon and evening of June 12 in Portland under the auspices of the World Affairs Council. The schedule lists some ideas that Mr. Carnahan has provided; these also are tentative and subject to change according to Mrs. Aquino's wishes. Our schedule then concludes with her departure on June 13.

Once again, please do not hesitate to let me know if any part of the schedule is not agreeable or if you would like to make any changes.

I apologize for the length of this letter, but I have two final items to mention. First, David Hubin is preparing a packet of informational materials on the University of Oregon to send under separate cover. Second, to continue our discussion concerning airline tickets, we have a firmer cost estimate now from our travel agent; round-trip first-class tickets from Manila to Portland will cost over \$3,922 each. This is very close to the cost quoted by your travel agent. In light of your possible plans to include Washington, D.C., as one leg of the trip, perhaps it would be more convenient for your office to make the reservations and to purchase the tickets, with reimbursement from the university. Please let me know what your thoughts are concerning this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you and to working with you as we refine our plans. If you think that another telephone conversation would provide the best medium for discussion, please send me a fax informing me of the best day and time to contact you, and we will proceed accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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attachment: draft schedule