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Dear Elena:

Thank you for your fax dated May 24 answering my several questions and informing me of Mrs. Aquino's change in flight plans. I was disappointed to learn that you will not be accompanying Mrs. Aquino on this trip; after our weeks of correspondence, I was looking forward to meeting you. Perhaps someday we will have the opportunity to meet, however, and I hope that you will let me know if you ever are in Oregon.

I am enclosing a letter from our local newspaper reporter, Ms. Joni James, who is very interested in obtaining some information from Mrs. Aquino. As you may recall, in my previous fax I had relayed one question for Ms. James, which she now supplements with others. I fear that sending this enclosure this may border on importunity, and I apologize deeply if that is indeed the case. If Mrs. Aquino does not wish to answer these questions or to be interviewed by Ms. James over the telephone, please do not hesitate to inform me.

I would like Mrs. Aquino to be aware that we are tentatively planning to allow media personnel to be present (at a discreet distance) on the campus tour and for the first 15 minutes of the student luncheon, when our students first meet Mrs. Aquino and before lunch actually begins. Our publicity person tells me that these are particularly interesting "photo opportunities" for the press. If these plans are not agreeable to Mrs. Aquino, please let me know.

Finally, I am working with Valley River Inn to ensure that the rooms reserved for Mrs. Aquino and her companions will be improved. I also am working on reserving a small room at the hotel for the meeting of Mrs. Aquino and Mrs. Stanley, plus any companions, for a Saturday afternoon tea. I believe that is the final gap to fill in the schedule.

As much as possible while Mrs. Aquino is in the U.S. during the next two weeks, I will work through you to apprise you of any changes or to relay questions that are sure to arise.

Thank you for all your assistance, and I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

Sincerely,

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