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Dear Elena:

Greetings from Eugene! It is hard to believe that nearly five months have gone by since Mrs. Aquino, Aurora, and Victoria were here on campus. I hope that you all have had a pleasant summer and early autumn.

I am writing for two reasons. The first is to ask you to give the attached letter to Mrs. Aquino. As you will see in that letter, we are moving ahead with our plans to plant a tree honoring her and commemorating her visit here; we are fortunate to be able to tie the ceremony with a brief visit to our campus by Dr. Edilberto de Jesus. 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 videographer to be present to record the ceremony. We will send you copies for Mrs. Aquino's personal use; if you would like additional photos and tapes for publicity purposes, please let me know.

The second reason for writing is to inquire whether you received the notebook of photos and newspaper clippings that I shipped to you in late June. Not having received any word from you since then, I fear that the package has been lost. If you haven't received it, I can try to have it traced (we sent it UPS), but it may be too late. I had meant to follow up on this question a couple of months ago, but other matters diverted my attention.

It's nice to have the opportunity to renew our correspondence. I look forward to hearing from you soon, and please convey my regards to Aurora and Victoria.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Plass
Assistant Vice Provost for International Affairs

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