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BY FACSIMILE

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Dear Elena:

Thank you for your fax dated yesterday. We were pleased to hear that several of your newspapers carried stories of Mrs. Aquino's upcoming award from the University of Oregon.

And thank you also for sending the travel agent's statement. I have given it to the President's office staff, and they are making arrangements for the check to be sent directly to the travel agent. I also would like to confirm that reporter Joni James received your fax with the answers to her questions.

As I indicated earlier, I plan to try to relay information and questions through you as much as possible, but I would like to have a telephone conversation sometime before June 9 with the daughter who will be the coordinator and contact person in the U.S. I thank you for checking with Mrs. Dee and Mrs. Abellada on this matter, and I would appreciate if you could inform me which one has been selected (or volunteered) to take that role. I then would know which one to ask for when I call Dr. Quiambao's telephone number, probably early next week.

For your information, I am faxing tomorrow to New York some paperwork that needs to be completed and signed so that we can prepare the honorarium check. I also am forwarding through Dr. Quiambao a request for an advance copy of Mrs. Aquino's commencement address (but only if it is in final form).

I now have some general questions concerning security protocol. I was in a meeting this afternoon with our head of security and several police officers, and the following questions arose from our discussion.

1. Our officers wish to provide excellent, but not suffocating, security for Mrs. Aquino and her companions, and they would appreciate any advice you could provide on

Mrs. Aquino's general expectations for security protocol. For example, does she prefer only a few uniformed officers in attendance with others in plain clothes, or does she prefer a more highly visible uniformed presence? We also would appreciate any additional guidance you can provide.

2. Related to the above question, what are the usual security precautions taken for Mrs. Aquino's daughters if they choose to go out on their own or with friends during periods of personal time? As you may be aware, one of our professors has a wife (Suki Ungson) who is a good friend of Mrs. Abellada's, and I would expect that they (and perhaps Mrs. Dee and Mrs. Aquino as well) may wish to spend some time together. We are assuming that if the daughters are moving around in the community without Mrs. Aquino — for example, going shopping on Friday evening — the need for security will be minimal. (But of course if Mrs. Aquino chooses to go out with her daughters, security personnel will be present.) Please let me know if our assumption is correct from your perspective and experience.
3. Our security people are interested in contacting security people in New York working on Mrs. Aquino's visit there. Would it be appropriate for me to inquire in general with which institutions or organizations Mrs. Aquino is affiliated during her trip?
4. We understand that Mrs. Aquino goes to daily Mass. While we have already arranged the Sunday morning Mass at 8:30, we have neglected to consider her desires for Friday afternoon/evening and for Saturday morning. We would appreciate knowing whether Mrs. Aquino would like to attend Mass at a local church on either or both of those days; or we could arrange for a priest to come to the hotel for a private Mass in Mrs. Aquino's suite. It would greatly help our security planning if we knew in advance which option Mrs. Aquino would prefer.

Finally, one last detail (for now): we want to be certain to have adequate space for luggage in the car. Do you estimate that the group's luggage can fit into the trunk of one large car (such as a Lincoln Town Car), or would two cars be better?

Thank you very much for your continued, generous assistance and for your patience with all my questions!

Sincerely,

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