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BY FACSIMILE
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His Excellency
Miguel Perez-Rubio
Ambassador (Ret.)

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am writing to confirm receipt of your fax dated April 20 and to thank you for your willingness to advise me on protocol in preparation for Mrs. Aquino's visit to the University of Oregon in June. At the moment all our plans are still tentative; I currently am working with Mrs. Elena Cruz to structure Mrs. Aquino's schedule. Once we have the bare outlines of the schedule in place, I will write again with specific questions. (I have noted the change in your telephone and fax numbers effective April 28.)

I do have an initial couple of questions to pose, as I am not certain of the degree of formality that should be accorded Mrs. Aquino's visit. University of Oregon officials will be present to greet Mrs. Aquino at the airport and, depending upon her departure plans, may escort her to the airport at the end of her stay in Oregon. Does Mrs. Aquino's status as a former head of state behoove us to include representatives of the Oregon state government in the greeting/farewell parties? Are there certain established protocols involved in the greeting procedures; e.g., should we present her with a bouquet of flowers? (As a point of information for you, we will be providing a high level of security for Mrs. Aquino and her companions; our Director of Public Safety is coordinating security matters with the U.S. Department of State and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.)

My questions, no doubt, betray my lack of knowledge and sophistication in these matters, but I am eager to learn. Once again, I am most grateful for any advice and assistance that you can provide.

Sincerely,

Affairs

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