

Christopher L. Carrion

01 MAY 1989

HER EXCELLENCY
C O R A Z O N C. A Q U I N O
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES
PREMIER GUEST HOUSE, MALACANANG PARK
MALACANANG, MANILA

DEAR MRS. PRESIDENT :

IF I MAY, I WISH TO SHARE MY FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS CONCERNING A VERY CRITICAL AND TIMELY SUBJECT OF RECOVERING A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF MR. MARCOS'S ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH, AS WELL AS, GIVING HIM THE GOD-GIVEN CHANCE OF SAVING HIS SOUL. THIS ISSUE OF COURSE SHOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERABLE THRU MR. MARCOS'S SINCERE REPENTANCE AND APPROPRIATE RESTITUTION, WITH THE AIM OF ACHIEVING ULTIMATE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION FOUNDED ON JUSTICE, WITHOUT NECESSARILY HAVING HIM RETURN TO THE COUNTRY AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I AM THEREFORE VENTURING A RECOMENDATION TO YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR KIND PERUSAL.

THERE HAS BEEN INDEED A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON WHETHER MR. MARCOS SHOULD BE OR NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE COUNTRY, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT MORE DELIBERATION MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN ON WHAT WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH IN GETTING BACK WHAT IS DUE THE FILIPINO PEOPLE. IN THE PAST, CERTAIN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TOOK CHARGE IN REPRESENTING THE GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH MR. MARCOS, WHICH PROVED UNSUCCESSFUL, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THEY WERE INEFFECTIVE WITH MR. MARCOS, BECAUSE IT PRESENTED 'THE CHICKEN AND THE EGG' SITUATION. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT A PRIEST WHOM MR. MARCOS RESPECTS AS A SPIRITUAL COUNSELOR AND FRIEND REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT AS ITS MEDIATOR, GIVEN GUIDELINES FROM YOUR EXCELLENCY. ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE ARGUED TO BE A SHOT IN THE DARK, I BELIEVE IT IS PRECISELY DURING MOMENTS OF SEEMING IMPOSSIBILITY, THAT SHOULD SOMEONE STILL PROCEED WITH FULL FAITH AND TRUST IN THE LORD, THAT ONE ALLOWS HIM TO CREATE HIS MIRACLES, AS IN EDSA. I WISH TO THEREFORE, RECOMEND THE MOST REV. MSGR. JOSEFINO S. RAMIREZ TO

Christopher L. Carrion

BE THAT SPIRITUAL MEDIATOR, WHO WOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S APPROVAL AND CARDINAL SIN'S BLESSINGS, WITHOUT THE PUBLIC OR MR. MARCOS NECESSARILY KNOWING HIS TRIP WAS WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE. I HEARD THAT MR. MARCOS HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MSGR. RAMIREZ TO INVITE HIM TO HAWAII TO RECEIVE HIS CONFESSION. THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT OUR OBJECTIVES. MSGR. RAMIREZ HAS BEEN TOLD OF MY IDEA AND SHARES MY PLAN HAS A GREAT CHANCE OF SUCCESS. HE WOULD OF COURSE, COUNSEL MR. MARCOS THAT HE MAY NOT HAVE TRUE ABSOLUTION WITHOUT SINCERE REPENTANCE, FOLLOWED BY THE GENUINE EFFORT OF REPARATION, AND CONVINCED HIM AGAINST PLACING PRECONDITIONS THAT WOULD CLOUD THE SINCERITY OF HIS ACT, AS WELL AS TO LEAVE IT ENTIRELY TO YOUR DISCRETION AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE, AS REPRESENTED BY CONGRESS, TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF RECIPROCITY.

LEST I GIVE A WRONG IMPRESSION, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MENTION, THAT AS YOUR LOYAL AND STAUNCH SUPPORTER, I AM LIKEWISE AGAINST MR. MARCOS'S RETURN FOR THE VERY SAME REASONS AIRD BY YOUR ADMINISTRATION, ESPECIALLY DUE TO THE POLITICAL ABUSE, THOSE WITH 'PRESIDENTITIS' AND EXTREMISTS OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, MAY INFLICT ON US. NOT TO MENTION, THAT MR. MARCOS, HONESTLY AND TRULY, DESERVES TO BE EXILED FOR HIS GRAVE SINS. HOWEVER, I FEEL THAT IN FULFILLMENT OF OUR CHRISTIAN VALUES, WE MUST FORGIVE IF AND WHEN IT IS SINCERELY SOUGHT FROM US. SOMEHOW, I ALSO BELIEVE THAT MR. MARCOS'S CONTINUED LIFE INSPITE OF ALL HIS AILMENTS IS A CLEAR MANIFESTATION TO ALL.. OF OUR LORD'S GREAT MERCY -- GIVING HIM ALL THIS TIME TO SEE THE LIGHT WHILE THERE IS STILL HOPE. LET US THEN, HOWEVER HUMANLY RELUCTANT, ASSIST OUR LORD IN HIS WORK OF MERCY. YOUR ADMINISTRATION'S MOVE TO SEND A SPIRITUAL COUNSELOR TO MR. MARCOS WOULD FURTHER AFFIRM YOUR CHRISTIAN NATURE AMONG YOUR CRITICS BY PROVIDING MR. MARCOS WITH A VEHICLE TO SAVE HIS OWN SOUL.

LASTLY, MRS. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO CLOSE THIS LETTER BY SAYING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PERSISTENTLY A MONUMENTAL EXAMPLE OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN IN SPIRIT AND IN DEED, AND I, FOR ONE, CERTAINLY DO NOT HAVE ANY REASON TO DOUBT THE WISDOM OF WHATEVER DECISION YOU MAY REACH ON THIS MATTER.

Christopher L. Carrion

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE ATTENTION, AND I SINCERELY HOPE
OUR GOOD LORD CONTINUES TO GUIDE YOU AS YOU SUCCESSFULLY
PLOT THE COURSE OF OUR NATION TOWARDS PEACE AND PROGRESS.

VERY RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ch. L. Carrion', with a long, sweeping underline.

CHRISTOPHER LAGDAMEO CARRION
:CHLC/RZC