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RE: VISIT OF MS. AQUINO

Greetings and best wishes for 1997!!

Thank you for your faxed letter regarding the invitation for Ms. Aquino. Yes, I also requested Dr. Arcilla and Dr. Quisumbing to intercede when I did not hear from Nina. I do understand and I am very grateful for your help.

As it turned out, the Foundation could not make it during the suggested dates and therefore they had to postpone the Foundation Convention to another date in the near future. They still would like to have Ms. Aquino as the guest speaker and will renew the invitation as soon as the date is fixed.

I hope I could still call on your kind intervention and assistance in contacting her.

I was in Manila from the 27th of December to the 4th on New Year holiday. It is a shame I did not have any contacts with you nor Nina. It is a pity to miss the chance to see Gina and her new husband.

Hope to see you soon and let me know if you will be in Bangkok. Needless to say, you are most welcome to stay with us just like what Nina and Lourdes did.

Best regards to the group.

Yours sincerely,


(Prof. Dr. Ruben C. Umaly)

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RE: INVITATION OF DR. WICHIT FOR MRS. C. AQUINO

Dear Nina,

GREETINGS FROM SUT AND BANGKOK !!

I must apologize for the delay in my thank you note after the lovely company and meal I had at the Eight Treasures with the group. I have been to SUT for only two days since I came back from Manila. I had a lot of meetings either in Bangkok or somewhere in the country.

I wrote because you are the only person I know who could approach Dr. Rosario Lapus to intervene on behalf of Dr. Wichit to invite Mrs. Corazon Aquino to Bangkok on 8 February 1997.

The Fulbright Foundation of Thailand will have a grand inauguration on that day in Bangkok. The President of the Foundation is Dr. Wichit and he would like to invite Mrs. Corazon Aquino to be the keynote speaker for the gala dinner, she being a Fulbright Prize recipient during the October 50th Anniversary of the Foundation.

In this connection, I am therefore seeking the kind assistance of Charito in calling or approaching Mrs. Aquino to find out her availability and willingness to accept the invitation. Then Dr. Wichit will write the formal invitation or even go to Manila to personally invite her. Thailand will shoulder all the expenses together with one or two of her companions. I know Charito is very close to the family and she perhaps she can intervene on my behalf as I am in charge of the invitation. I will be sending her a copy of this letter.

I hope Mrs. Aquino could accept our invitation. Looking forward to receiving your response which I hope will be positive.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

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RE: FOOD SECURITY

Senator Edgardo Angara was the keynote speaker during the recently concluded 50th Anniversary celebration of UNESCO in Bangkok. During his dialogue with the Filipino community, he mentioned his great interest in Agriculture and Higher Education, these being his major concerns in the Senate. We got to talk of Food Security or the lack of it in the Philippines. I therefore mentioned the long-term project of SEARCA with Canada on this theme. I shall therefore be most grateful if you could send by DHL or EMS (i.e. ASAP) most if not all the SEARCA documents on Food Security.

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Thank you very much for your kind assistance and attention.
With best regards.

Sincerely,

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RE: INVITATION FOR MRS. CORAZON AQUINO

Dear Dr. Quisumbing

GREETINGS FROM BANGKOK !!

The Fulbright Foundation of Thailand will have a grand inauguration on 8 February 1997 in Bangkok. The President of the Foundation, Prof. Dr. Wichit Srisaan, former Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of University Affairs and founder of the Sukothai Thamathirat Open University and presently the Rector of our University, Suranaree University of Technology, would like to have former President Corazon Aquino as the keynote speaker for the Gala Dinner of that event.

In this connection, you are the only person I know who knows Ms. Aquino very well. I am, therefore, respectfully requesting your kind assistance in inquiring of her availability and willingness to accept the invitation. All her expenses and those of her companions (1-2) will be shouldered by the Foundation. When we get the informal acceptance, a formal letter of invitation and possibly a visit to Manila will be made. I hope you could be one of her companions. I shall be most grateful for your most kind help regarding this matter.

In connection with the AUAP-BU (Association of Universities in Asia and the Pacific- Bunkyo University, Tokyo) Conference on Globalization of Higher Education in Tokyo on 10 - 12 April, I, as Secretary General of AUAP, have submitted your name as one of the keynote speakers on Ethics, Morals and Values Education. We shall be sending you the formal invitation upon receipt of your informal consent.

Another event that AUAP is co-sponsoring is a Congress by the Asia Forum on Business Education entitled Business Ethics: Asian Perspective, in June 1997. May we also invite you as one of the key paper presenters for a Panel/Group Discussion. It will be held in Phuket, Thailand.

I was very close to your place as I was at Nina Galang's house for a few minutes during one afternoon of the two-day visit I made in Manila. I was on mission to see Dr. Alcala of CHED and to visit some Swiss Project sites in Laguna and Batangas. It was a very hectic visit and I hardly had time to see friends.

I hope Mrs. Aquino and you could accept our invitations. Looking forward to receiving your response which I hope will be both positive.

With best regards.

Sincerely,