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Dear Mr.Saran Permpool

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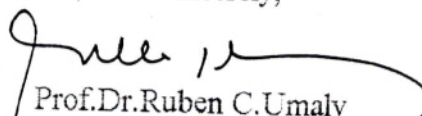
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The subthemes of the discussion would include:

Looking forward to your participation. With best regards.

Yours Sincerely,


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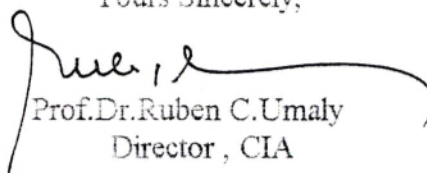
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