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SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FROM PRESIDENT RAMOS

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONTAINING A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FROM PRESIDENT RAMOS TO PRESIDENT CLINTON REGARDING THE DISASTER IN OKLAHOMA CITY. TEXT OF MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT.

APRIL 20, 1995

DEAR BILL,

ON BEHALF OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FILIPINO PEOPLE, I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE VICTIMS OF

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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THE DEVASTATING BOMBING ATTACK ON THE FEDERAL BUILDING IN OKLAHOMA CITY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

THE PHILIPPINES HAS NOT BEEN SPARED THE SCOURGE OF TERRORISM. OUR OWN RECENT TRAGIC EXPERIENCE IN IPIL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR IN MINDANAO TELLS US THAT NO EFFORT MUST BE SPARED IN DEALING WITH TERRORISTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS. I JOIN THE REST OF THE WORLD IN CONDEMNING AND DENOUNCING THE TERRORIST BOMBING IN OKLAHOMA AS WELL AS TERRORISM IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE.

OUR RECENT JOINT EFFORTS WHICH RESULTED IN BRINGING TO JUSTICE THE PERPETRATORS OF THE HEINOUS BOMBING OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER TELL US THAT TERRORISM CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSED THROUGH GLOBAL COOPERATION. IN THIS REGARD, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR THE PHILIPPINE EFFORT TO FOIL THE BOMBING OF U.S. AIR CARRIERS WHICH RESULTED IN OUR ARREST OF ABDUL HAKIM MURAD WHO WAS RECENTLY TURNED OVER TO THE FBI.

TERRORISM IS INDEED A GLOBAL BLIGHT THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH HEAD ON BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE RECENT SARIN NERVE GAS ATTACKS IN JAPAN AS WELL AS OTHER RECENT TERRORIST ACTS AROUND THE WORLD ATTEST TO THIS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, I PROPOSE THAT WE CONSIDER INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR ANTI-TERRORIST COOPERATION NETWORK BY MORE INTENSIVE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND EXPERTS. WE SHOULD ALSO FURTHER STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND DATA NETWORK.

I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE HOLDING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TERRORISM WHICH SHOULD FOCUS NOT
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ONLY ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASPECT BUT ALSO ON THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FACTORS THAT SPAWN THIS WORLD-WIDE PROBLEM.

I AM WRITING A SIMILAR LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER MURAYAMA ON THIS ISSUE.

IN DOING ALL THESE, WE WOULD NOT ONLY BE ESTABLISHING AND STRENGTHENING IN VERY PRACTICAL TERMS OUR ABILITY TO COMBAT TERRORISM BUT ALSO SHOW OUR CONCERTED POLITICAL WILL AND

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DETERMINATION TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLES AND RESOURCES.

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PLEASE ACCEPT MY HIGHEST REGARD AND CONSIDERATION.

/s/
FIDEL V. RAMOS
(EDDIE)

END TEXT.

3. SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW BY POUCH.

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