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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR CIVILIAN  
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Through the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy *MAN*

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SUBJECT : Phone Call of the President with the POTUS

DATE : 02 May 2017

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Further to OAA-906-MASA-2017 on the requested phone call of US President Donald Trump with the President, OAA respectfully transmits a transcript of the telephone conversation that took place between the two leaders on 29 April 2017.

For reference.

{Enclosures: a/s}

POTUS PRRD CALL  
29 April 2017  
10:00 PM

This is PRRD speaking.  
Yes, speaking.

US operator : Yes, Sir, just one moment for President Trump pls.

PRRD :  
Thank you.

POTUS : Mr President.

PRRD :  
President Trump, thank you for calling, and Good evening, its night over here.

POTUS :  
Okay I hope its not too late? Its okay isn't it? Is it too late?

PRRD  
No its okay we are just having dinner with some of the members of ASEAN.

POTUS:  
Oh ok good because know you don't sleep much, you're just like me. You are not a person who goes to bed at all. I know that, right?

PRRD :  
Yes  
You are right Mr President.

POTUS :  
I just wanted to congratulate you because I am hearing of the unbelievable job on the drug problem. Many countries have the problem, we have a problem, but what a great job you are doing and I just wanted to call and tell you that.

PRRD:  
Thank you Mr President. This is the scourge of my nation now and I have to do something to preserve the Filipino nation.

POTUS:  
I understand that and fully understand that and I think we had a previous President who did not understand that, but I understand that and we have spoken about this before.

PRRD:

Yes I know that. Thank you. Yes

POTUS : So how is everyone doing, how is the Phls doing?

PRRD :

We are doing fine Mr president but in the ASEAN summit every member state was really nervous about situation in Korean peninsula but we would like to tell you that we support you and keep on the pressure because as long as those rockets and warheads are in the hands of Kim Jon Un we will never be safe as there's not telling what will happen next

POTUS

Whats your opinion of him, Rodrigo? Are we dealing with someone who stable or not stable?

PRRD :

He is not stable, Mr President, as he keeps on smiling when he explodes a rocket. He even has gone against China which is the last country he should rebuke. But it seems from his face - he is laughing always and theres as dangerous toy in his hands which could create so much agony and suffering for all mankind.

POTUS :

Well, he has got the powder but he doesn't have the delivery system. All his rockets are crashing. That's the good news. But eventually when he gets that delivery system.... What do you hunk about China? Does China have power over him?

PRRD :

Yes at the end of the day, the last card, the ace has to be with China. Its only China . He is playing with his bombs, his toys and from the looks of it, his mind is not working well and he might just go crazy one moment. China should make a last ditch effort to tell him to lay off. China will play a very important role there.

POTUS :

We have a lot of firepower over there. We have two submarines – the best in the world – we have two nuclear submarines – not that we want to use them at all.

I've never seen anything like they are but we don't have to use this but he could be crazy so we will see what happens.

PRRD :

Every generation has a mad man – in our generation is Kim Jung Un– you are dealing with a very delicate problem

POTUS

we can handle it

PRRD

but you can keep the pressure on him.

POTUS ;

I hope China solves the problem. They really have the means because a great degree of their stuff come through China. They are doing certain things, like not accepting calls. But if China doesn't do it, we will do it.

PRRD :

I will try to make a call to President Xi Jinping and I will try to tell him that if we will remain to be peaceful, China has the card. The other option is a nuclear blast which is not good for everybody.

POTUS – You can tell him I am counting on him. I have a very good relationship with him. I had him in Florida for two days and got to know him well. He is a good guy.

PRRD :

I will do that I will call his Ambassador here and will make an appointment to call him. It will be good if you can keep on the pressure on Kim but actually we are all worried as we are all within the striking distance of his rockets. We are all afraid,

POTUS

We cant let a madman with nuclear weapons let on the loose like that. We have a lot of firepower, more than he has, times 20 but we don't want to use it. You will be in good shape

PRRD :

We believe it, we know it all along. I will try to make a call tmrw to China.

POTUS :

Pls call China and tell them we are all counting on China. Tell the President – we became friends for two days – he was great.

On another subject, I am coming to see you I guess sometime

PRRD :

November hopefully, we will be happy to see you

POTUS :

Thank you Mr President. You are a good man. Yes, certainly in November Welcome and thank you and we will be happy to see you, Rodrigo. I look forward to seeing you.

If you want to come to the Oval office, I will love to have you in Oval office. Anytime you want to come.

I will be in the Phls in Nov, but anytime if you are in DC or anywhere, come see me in the Oval office.

Work it out with your staff. Seriously, if you want to come over, just let us know.

Just take care of yourself, and we will take care of North Korea.

Keep up good work, you are doing an amazing job

Say hello to people of the Philippines for me.

PRRD:

They know that you are calling. It is the last day of the ASEAN Summit and everyone was asking. Sultan Bolkiah just left but I will tell remaining guys here what you told me. We are all for peace, there's no secret about that.

POTUS : Good, you take care of yourself, come see me before November, you are invited anytime.

PRD:

I will do that Mr President. Thank you for the concern. God bless you Mr President.

POTUS :

Take care of yourself, Rodrigo. God bless you.