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Dear Ambassador Wetterwald:

I have the honor first of all to express again my sincerest appreciation for your spontaneous and understanding help on the problem which we talked about last 18 October 1971 concerning the desire of my Government to have statements from the different Cantons of Switzerland regarding ownership of property of President Ferdinand E. Marcos and his family.

As I told you when I saw you a few days ago, I am very pleased to report to you developments on the matter following your wise suggestion that I request directly the Chanceries of the 25 Cantons and inform them that I have consulted and obtained permission from the Federal Political Department. I wrote letters of request to all the Cantonal Chanceries on 19 October 1971. Nineteen (19) Cantons promptly and without much ado gave statements all stating that President Marcos and the members of his family do not have any property registered in their names in each Canton. Most of the Cantons authenticated these statements without charge but the Embassy paid the Cantons of Solothurn SF100; Vaud - SF50.65; Zug - SF3.00; Neuchatel - SF5.90 and ~~G~~aubünden - SF10.90. Unfortunately Canton Argau has furnished us a copy of its letter to the Department of Interior of the Canton refusing to give a statement and, so I was informed later by Mr. Dino Sciolli, that Zurich seems to be of the same attitude. The Cantons of Obwalden, Basel Land, Valais and Appenzell Ausser Rhoden have not answered up to this time, more than 3 weeks from the time of request, and I am afraid that they may also be reluctant to give the required certificates.

As I said I received another urgent confidential wire from my Department inquiring about the status of this matter and I had to explain to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippine Government that most of the certificates have been given but a few have not arrived. It

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would be embarrassing for me indeed if I would receive another wire since it would seem that I have been derelict in my duty or have failed to convey fully the seriousness of the matter to the Swiss Government. President Ferdinand Marcos has been accused of accumulating property in Switzerland in public which he cannot refute with credibility without documentation from the proper Swiss authorities.

I would again therefore request you most urgently to help me. I know you and your excellent Mr. Sciolli have been attending to the problem but I feel constrained to repeat my request as I am going to be placed in a very difficult position unless I submit to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs the statements of the 25 Cantons in the next few days. He may find it hard to understand why I could have failed to obtain the certificates which are vital to the honor of the Chief of State of a friendly government.

I would like again to express my gratitude for your understanding and kindness.

Yours very truly, you

  
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