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Letter from a Filipino Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

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Hon. Geraldine Ferraro
Democratic Candidate
for Vice President
of the United States,
New York City

Dear Madam Ferraro,

You do not know with what pride and joy we experienced upon learning that the Democratic Party had rallied with enthusiasm to your having been chosen as Mr. Mondale's running mate for the November presidential elections. Needless to state, it is our hope and prayer that the American people will honor you then with the second highest office within their gift as a free people. May God bless your campaign!

I am a Filipino newspaperman whose special interest through the years has been American politics and the men and women who have been associated with it. Since you are now the hottest thing in the US political scene, may I request for your statements on what your party, and you principally, intend to do about the human rights situation in the Philippines? Our people are suffering under a regime that counts upon the unqualified support of Mr. Reagan and the Republican Party. The Democratic Party has always been supportive
of our welfare, since the days of President Wilson and the other great American presidents, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman. It was your opponent Vice President Bush who disappointed us with his endorsement of Mr. Marcos’s repressive rule.

A forthright statement from you about your stand on our present situation in the Philippines would, I am sure, win adherents for you among the more than a million Filipinos in the US who are voting come November. That is besides the more than 45 million Filipinos in this part of the world.

May I also request for a copy of your acceptance speech at the San Francisco convention, as well as the platform of the Democratic Party? I intend to write a series on the ongoing presidential campaign in your country.

I will deeply appreciate hearing from you and could you, at the same time, spare me a copy of your latest photograph, if possible inscribed for my collection of the autographed pictures of US political leaders.

Many, many thanks and more power to you.

Sincerely