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By JP NARS date 12/18/84

DRAFT JOINT US-PHILIPPINE STATEMENT

*Ron, this will be
announced at state
tomorrow. It's close
hold til then. Any
questions can be referred
to state.*

General Carlos P. Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs *Cathie*
of the Republic of the Philippines, and Secretary of
State Henry A. Kissinger met on December 4, 1976, for
further discussion of the military base agreement
negotiations which have been in progress since April
12, 1976.

The two Secretaries announced that, as a result of their
discussions in October during which the basic lines
were worked out, they have reached agreement in princi-
ple on the nature of a new military base agreement
between the Philippines and the United States.

The United States will have the use of military bases in
the Philippines in accordance with the terms of such an
agreement. As part of such an agreement, the United
States would provide, subject to necessary legislative
approval, over a period of five years, the sum of one
billion dollars in grants and credits, the total to be
divided equally between military and economic assistance.

It was also agreed that the negotiating panels in Manila
will resume their work shortly in order to resolve the
remaining issues in the negotiations, and arrive at a
mutually agreed text. The final agreement will be subject
to approval by the two governments in accordance with
their respective constitutional processes.

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