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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: Philippine Military Bases Agreement Review Nearing Possible Conclusion (U) - INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

(S) The U.S. negotiating team has been conducting informal talks in Manila with the Philippine team since mid-April. It now appears possible that we may reach formal agreement with the Philippine government as early as May 31.

(S) The talks have addressed two sets of issues. The first reflects the sovereignty concerns of the Philippine government. The focus has been primarily on ways the GOP can acquire, or appear to have acquired, greater control over the U.S. facilities. In this category we have reached tentative agreements on, for example, the right of Philippine base commanders to visit non-sensitive parts of the facilities, the establishment of a joint committee to deal with implementation of the Military Bases Agreement, and the reporting of major changes in permanently stationed weapons' systems. Although these changes help satisfy Philippine sovereignty concerns, they preserve essential unhampered use of our facilities.

(S) We have also tentatively reached agreement with the Philippines on a best effort Presidential pledge of a compensation package that is expected to total \$900 million. The package would consist of \$125 million in MAP, \$300 million in FMS and \$475 million in ESF.

(S) We have carried out an extensive and continuing briefing exercise with the Congress on our discussions. We have encountered resistance in some quarters, principally about the compensation level, but we believe our liaison work has helped lay the basis for later support.

(U) We will notify you as soon as agreement has been reached.

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