

Political Prisoners

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His Excellency
President Ferdinand E. Marcos
Malacanang Palace
Metro Manila

Dear Mr. President:

We are the relatives of detainees who were arrested last February 26, 27 and 28 by elements of the Metrocom Intelligence Service Group (MISG). They are Rogelio Aberca, Leopoldo Benosa, Nestor Bodino, Danilo de la Fuente, Avelina Enrile, Noel Etabag, Linda Ferrer Valmonte, Belen Diaz Flores, Manuel Mario Guzman, Alan Jasminez, Edwin Lopez, Alfredo Mansos, Violeta Marasigan, Alex Marcelino, Laura Ocampo, Joseph Olayer, Charlie Palma, Marco Palo, Elizabeth Protacio, Benjamin Sesgado, Arturo Tabara, Edwin and Rebecca Tulalian and their two children.

We humbly and earnestly request that your Excellency order their immediate release since they were arrested without warrants of arrest and were denied legal counsel. This constitutes a violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Except for some detainees, we have not seen nor spoken to our detained relatives from the time of their arrest up to now, a fact which gives us great anguish and anxiety. Being a family man yourself, we are sure your Excellency will appreciate the measure of our concern and the extent of the agony we are suffering as a result of uncertainties regarding the condition of our detained loved ones.

We therefore appeal to your Excellency to order their prompt release. If this is not immediately possible, may we request your Excellency to instruct their respective military custodians to transfer all of them to a regular detention center like Bicutan Rehabilitation Center where we can visit them regularly.

We are full of hope, your Excellency, that for the sake of justice and humane consideration, you will give us a favorable response.

Respectfully yours,

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