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Office of External Affairs

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH : ATTY. ERLYN DE LEON
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM : THE OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT : FORMATION OF THE OEA SPECIAL CONCERNS
GROUP AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING SUPPORT

DATE : 16 OCTOBER 2006

The Office of External Affairs (OEA) would like to respectfully inform Her Excellency of the formation of the OEA Special Concerns Group (OEA-SCG) which shall focus in the participation of our grassroots and allied NCO's and people's organizations in the 2007 Congressional election.

This specific electoral campaign has the following objectives:

1. Provide full support to several COMELEC accredited party-list groups that are ascertained to be pro-administration and ensure the winning of nine (9) to twelve (12) seats in the House of Representatives;
2. Form a party-list bloc that will support the plans and programs of the administration and help in countering destabilization moves by the opposition as well as left-leaning party-list groups; and,
3. Contribute in the overall campaign to substantially lower the number of votes of leftist and left-leaning party-list organizations, and in the process reduce the seats of these anti-administration parties in the House of Representatives.

The OEA-SCG is headed by Assistant Secretary Marcelo T. Farinas II, assisted by three (3) Directors and a 5-person Secretariat. The OEA-SCG, in cooperation with concerned groups and officials of some government agencies, has formulated a comprehensive analysis of the party-list situation and prospects for 2007 (confidential copies are hereto attached).

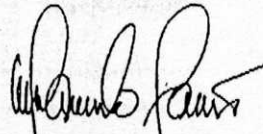
The OEA-SCG has secured a private office in Ortigas Avenue, Greenhills as its Operations Center. However, there is the immediate need to increase the members of the Secretariat to make the group fully-functional in order to expedite the attainment of the aforementioned objectives, and resource support is required.

The group has a national network from various sectors including Ilocanos and other major ethnic groups, women, youth, OFWs, senior citizens, Muslims and Indigenous Peoples, urban poor, farmers and fisherfolks, and workers, as well as international support in the United States of America, Middle East, and Asia-Pacific.

All the pro-administration partylist organizations to be supported shall also establish its own headquarters and shall need fulltime staff. This shall be done immediately after accreditation by the COMELEC.

Attached please find the 2007 Party-List Campaign proposal including a proposed budget of Php5.5 Million from October to December 2006. Corollary, may we request that funding assistance from Her Excellency's Intelligence Funds be immediately granted to the SCG as well as the various partylist groups identified as pro-administration.

For Her Excellency's perusal and approval.



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