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**NATIONAL  
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON TREATIES .RE : TREATY  
BETWEEN AUST.& REPUBLIC  
OF THE PHILIPPINES , VISITING  
FORCES .

DEAR SIRs.

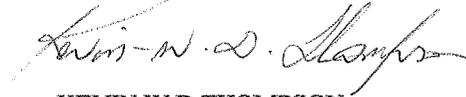
IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THIS EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFIED ,HOW EVER  
WE DO NOT ACCEPT FOREIGN MILITARY BASES ON AUSTRALIAN SOIL . THE EXCHANGE  
OF MILITARY PERSONEL , OR JOINT EXERCISES ARE ACCEPTABLE . WE ARE CONCERNED  
AT FUTURE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS HAVING TROOPS IN AUSTRALIA. THIS CONCERN IS  
TOTALLY NON RACIST , WE HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES  
WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS , CO OPERATION  
BETWEEN REGIONAL NATIONS IS WELCOMED BY US , ANTI TERRORIST TRAINING OR ANY  
MARITIME SECURITY TRAINING BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCES IS MORE  
THEN WELCOMED BY THE EXECUTIVE . OF COURSE WE ARE CONCERNED AT THE COSTS  
OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT TO AUSTRALIA , WE NOTE WITH INTEREST THAT AUSTRALIA IS  
EXPECTED TO INDEMNIFY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AGAINST ANY LEGAL CLAIM  
ARISING FROM THE TRANSPORTATION OR STORAGE OF ADF EXPLOSIVES , AT WHAT COST,  
TO AUSTRALIA , IS THE QUESTION . THE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT THE GENERAL OVERVIEW  
AND NATIONAL INTEREST SUMMARY IN RELATION TO THIS TREATY , BUT WE WOULD  
LIKE TO SEE A MORE DETAILED COSTING IN RELATION TO DEFENCE AGREEMENTS , IN  
THE OVERVIEW AND NATIONAL INTEREST SUMMARY.

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THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT ON THIS TREATY.

YOURS IN PATRIOTISM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin W.D. Thompson".

KEVIN.W.D.THOMPSON.

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