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*Håfa Adai yan Bueñas Todu Hamyo.*

I wanted to let you know beforehand, that I will be signing the Programmatic Agreement. I do not find satisfaction or pleasure in telling you this for you have all supported me throughout this grueling ordeal, especially throughout that period in my career when I was dismissed summarily from my official duties.

This Programmatic Agreement has been a thorn on everyone's side. If I had not been returned to my official position in October 2009, the Programmatic Agreement would have been signed by the former Director, and if not by him, then by the so-called "Deputy SHPO." There is no doubt in my mind that a higher authority intervened, and used individuals, to reinstate and restore me back. My family and I will be forever grateful for your unflinching support and decisive action.

It is important to me, to let you know, that Attorney Arthur Clark, listened to me, and constantly sought my advice and comments in hopes of producing an acceptable document to some, if not to all. Not once did Mr. Clark dictate what should go in the document. His persistence produced provisions in this final document that DoD officials once rejected in prior negotiations. I am reminded of Senator Pangelinan's comments during the oversight hearing that the Programmatic Agreement must not be signed under duress, it was not.

The final document, although not perfect, provides for all the signatories and the public to be engaged every step of the way, as an assurance that our historic properties are treated with special care, recognition, and respect; that access to them is not a privileged but a right. With your support, I am certain that we will be treated with much regard.

Thank you Senators for giving me this opportunity.

Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse '.

si Lynda  
Public Servant

