



APPENDIX 3.7

(GOVERNOR) BONGBONG MARCOS, GAME HUNTER

How distinct was Bongbong Marcos from his father? As a government official during the dictatorship, did he copy his father's iron-fist style, or did he take after his father in some other way? The following may give us a clue. Bongbong Marcos has stated that one of his hobbies is hunting, and that he had hunted in Calauit, which his father had populated with African animals after relocating the native Tagbanua. The following photographs further confirm that fact. Also included here is a document connected to Bongbong's fondness for hunting that, more importantly, also gives a glimpse of how well he fulfilled his duties as governor of Ilocos Norte from 1983–1986. The communication details a plan by Bongbong to go to hunting in Tanzania for twenty-one days with his brother-in-law Gregg Araneta and friend Ramonito Durano Jr. in October 1985. That he was willing to leave his constituents for so long to travel for pleasure—with his father's blessing (and international arms dealer Adnan Kashoggi's assistance) it seems, based on the signed note on the upper right-hand corner—corroborates one observation in a declassified diplomatic cable dated 7 November 1983 ("Subject: Peace and Order Conditions in Northern Luzon"). According to page 22 of that cable, which can be accessed (for a fee) via the Digital National Security Archive (nsarchive.gwu.edu/dnsa-collections), Bongbong Marcos "had rarely visited the province [and] that the governor was trying to run the province by 'remote control' from [Manila; furthermore,] Governor Marcos has refused to authorize anyone to make decisions in his absence, causing serious administrative problems."

Reference

US Department of State. 1983. "Subject: Peace and Order Conditions in Northern Luzon." Confidential airgram, 7 November, A-33. Digital National Security Archive, "The Philippines: U.S. policy during the Marcos years, 1965–1986."

Source

Presidential Commission on Good Government Files (through Meynardo Mendoza and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines), Roll No. 251, File Nos. 0258–59.





Presidential Security Command

MALACAÑANG, MANILA

MEMORANDUM for:

The PRESIDENT

7 Sept 1985
The memorandum should include the invitation of Mr. Kaobingi to Kenya and other parts of Africa

GOVERNOR BONG-BONG plans to go on a hunting trip to Tanzania. With him will be Mr. Gregg Araneta and MP Ramonito Durano Jr. The Governor plans to leave on Monday 7 October 1985, while Mr. Araneta, who arranged for this trip with a tour/travel agency in Seattle, Washington, will leave three days later, 10 October 1985.

The Philippine Government, civilian or military has no contact much less representative with Tanzania. The nearest Ministry of Foreign Affairs post is in Nairobi, Kenya. The head of the Post is Consul Nitoy Alberto of Laguna, a personal choice of the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister Pacifico Castro.

The activities in Tanzania was arranged and will be controlled by the tour and travel agency. Inland transportation to be provided, particularly in the hunting areas, will be land rover and small twin engine aircrafts with a maximum capacity of eight passengers. The hotel provides generally French cuisine although the party was advised to bring canned foods and drinks.

It will be recalled that the President of Tanzania, President Julius Nyerere sent his army to support the installation of the President who took over from Idi Amin when the latter was deposed. Lately, the same President was also deposed.

The following coordinations has been made:

a) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has directed the Consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, to obtain the visas for the members of the party for Tanzania which will be handed to them at the airport in Jeddah where the party will have stop-over for eight hours.

/b) Consul Nitoy Alberto

b) Consul Nitoy Alberto will proceed from Nairobi to Dar-Es-Salaam to meet and stay with the party. In addition, Minister Castro offers to send Mr. Joey Castro of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from Manila to join the party. He was the same Ministry of Foreign Affairs Official who went with the Governor in his trip to Romania.

c) The carrying of firearms both for the security and the hunting has been properly coordinated.

d) No security arrangement in the place of travel has been made due to lack of contact for coordination.

RECOMMENDATIONS:


a) Minister Castro recommends that the stay of the Governor and party in Tanzania will be limited to three to four days only instead of the planned twenty one days.

b) That the Governor should bring with him a letter from His Excellency, PRESIDENT FERDINAND E MARCOS for the President of Tanzania whom he met in Cancun, Mexico.

c) He recommends further that unless there is a more important purpose of his trip than just hunting, the projected trip should be temporarily postponed if not totally cancelled.

d) The Command strongly concurs with the above recommendations, particularly the cancellation.

Request guidance.


BGEN BARANGAY
6 October '85

Enclosed is the proposed itinerary

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