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MR. REX BOTENGAN  
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Dear Mr. Botengan

We are happy to inform our donors through you that the balance of the "blood money" required of Avelino Apidos has been assumed by the Saudi Arabian Government upon the strong and persistent representation of the Philippine Embassy in Rijadh. This means that Mr. Apidos is free from any and all financial obligations to the family of the victim. This information was relayed to us by Undersecretary Dr. Benjamin B. Domingo, Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, Republic of the Philippines.

We will be notifying formally all donors for Avelino Apidos on this latest development. Would it be possible if you could advance this information to those within your easy access.

We were thinking of requesting you and all donors on how we would utilize the fund collected. Perhaps, we could use the money for other OCW's similarly situated.

A particular case in point is OCW Nilda Lawas, 29 year-old, resident of the Municipality of La Trinidad, this province, who is to be transported to the Philippine Heart Center for a heart problem. She was a former OCW in Singapore who worked as a Geodetic Engineer for a period of six months until she was sent home because of a heart problem.

Ms. Lawas would be needing expense money to defray her hospital bills which could be a staggering amount. We were thinking of giving her the amount of P150,000.00 from the Apidos Account with the permission of our local and foreign donors. Could you elicit the consent of our donors for this undertaking?

We will be waiting for your prompt response.

Thank your very much and regards.

Sincerely,

RAUL M. MOLINTAS  
Provincial Governor