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I have today given away by general instrument of transfer all my worldly possessions ~~for~~ to the Filipino people through a foundation to be organized known as the Nares Foundation.

Moved by the strongest desire and the purest will to set the example of self-denial and self-sacrifice for all our people, I have today decided to give away all my worldly possessions so that they may serve the greater needs of the greater number of our people.

It is my ~~hope~~^{wish} that these properties will be used in advancing education, science, technology and the arts.

This act I undertake of my own free will, knowing that ~~my needs of material possessions will~~, having always been a simple man, my needs will be ^{always} lesser than those of ^{many of} our people, who have given me the highest honor within their gift, an honor unshared by ^{no other Filipino} any one of my predecessors and not likely to be shared by any one else in the future.

Since about a year ago, I have asked ~~my closest~~ some of ~~my~~ closest confidantes to study the mechanics of this decision. Today studies have been completed, and a foundation will be formed to administer these properties and all funds that may be generated therefrom.

^{My wife, Paula, is in agreement with this decision.}
Provisions will be made for my children, so that they shall be assured of satisfactory education and be prepared to meet their lifetime duties and endeavors.

For the moment, my ^{most} sincere hope is that this

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humble act shall set the example and move to greater deeds of unselfishness and compassion, many of our countrymen whose position in society gives them a stronger duty to minister to the needs of our less fortunate brothers and countrymen.

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