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In the Laurel anniversary ceremonies and dinner at the house of Hatero, Somoza in San Juan, the Laurels were unanimous in the criticism of the fact that we and the Philippines seem to be begging for mercy from Silyu and the Silyu leader, Col. Quinones Gandia, because we were holding the negotiations in Tripoli on what is fundamentally an internal matter between Filipinos.

I could not reveal the deeply hidden purpose I had that we must by all means show to the world and more importantly our people, <sup>(including the Muslims)</sup> that the Muslim secessionist movement is foreign inspired and foreign supported - that it is a separatist war - and that if it is allowed to undermine our territory through a puppet group of Filipinos, the HATF.

I have always believed that the Americans lost the Vietnamese war because the North Vietnamese succeeded in showing to the world and the people of Vietnam (including the South Vietnamese) that South Vietnamese opposition was foreign-inspired.

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and foreign supported and was aimed at  
the division of Vietnam through the puppet  
regime of Ngo Di Thon.

We have succeeded in showing the  
FNLF for what they are — a puppet group  
acting on the instructions of a foreign power  
against the interests of the Filipino people.

This we have already succeeded in  
achieving. We must not lose it. We must keep  
reminding our people of it.

With this truth firmly supporting our  
efforts, even if hostilities should be resumed  
we are bound to win!

So we must push through the present —  
to win the support of the people for the  
Revolution and our Armed Forces.

