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Delegato Quintana has just sent a letter to the Constitutional Convention Committee on Privileges through the Convention President, sworn to before a Romulo In. Cabrera, a notary public in the office of Senator Salonga. The letter lists the 18 amounts allegedly received by him indicating who handed him the envelopes. In

nos. 1, 3, 4 (the same source) 6 (the same source) 7, 12 (from Inelda) 13 (from the First Lady) he says that the giver said it came from the First Lady or the same source.

When he was in Manila and in Tacloban he said that Malacañan was not involved directly or indirectly in the lobby money. But when he arrived in Iloilo and was concealed in the San Juan de Dios Hospital and under the control of the Liberal and opposition lawyers and to involve Inelda. &

Tony Benedicto and Cong. Antonio Mute say that Delegato Aceña took the sworn statement out of his portfolio when he (Aceña) and the notary public Romulo In. Cabrera, came to the hospital this morning at 7:00 PM. It was signed at about 9:00 or 10:00 PM.

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Delegate Barrera practically forced himself as lawyer of Quintero. It was a Liberal and opposition show.

Delegate Montejó, Liberal chairman of byle, who was included in the original statements of Quintero, was stricken off the final letter of Quintero.

I have issued a strong statement calling the linking of the First Lady to the envelopes distributed is not only clearway and unacceptable but vicious and false.

It also said that Delegate Quintero had approached the First Lady and me for money but we had refused him. And we have documentary and other evidence to prove this.

He is a tool of the political opposition. I will not rest until I have unmasked this pretender, his co-conspirators and accomplices.

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Imelda is insistent on issuing her own statement and even going to the convention to confront Puntero who had asked for financial support.

But she would be going down to the level of these demagogues as she would have to be debating with them.

Depending on the reaction of the public to the statements of the alleged givers of the envelopes, Imelda could prepare a plea for Puntero to remember how he asked for financial aid and was refused.