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TO: The Minister of Justice
The Solicitor General

You are hereby directed to study the legal implications of the Bataan Nuclear Power Reactor contract of the Government of the Philippines with Westinghouse in order to establish the legal feasibility of the cancellation of the contract because of the violation of the implied warranty of safety since the March 28, 1979 incident at the Three-mile Island Nuclear Reactor Plant in Pennsylvania, U.S.A., resulted in what is technically referred to as a "hydrogen bubble" inside the containment tank and which threatened to explode like a hydrogen bomb, as well as a leak of nuclear contaminated water from the container tank. This has raised the specter of fatal nuclear contamination in the Bataan area either due to malfunction of equipment or human error by operators.

Please submit your recommendations not later than July 1, 1979.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

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