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DEATH OF CARLOS P. ROMULO FORMER PHILIPPINES FOREIGN MINISTER

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, has conveyed the following message to the Philippines Acting Foreign Minister Pacifico Castro concerning the death of the former Philippines Foreign Minister, Carlos P. Romulo:

"It is with profound sadness that I learned of the death on December 15, 1985 of Major General Carlos P. Romulo. General Romulo had lived a full life and truly excelled as a diplomat, author and historian. During his long and colorful career in the service of the Philippines, he constantly displayed a deep passion for his country, its people and thus embodied Filipino nationalism.

General Romulo also made numerous and significant contributions to the world community, especially at the United Nations where many Canadians came to know him personally and benefitted immensely from his deep commitment to the International Security System. During his tenure as President of the General Assembly he cooperated closely with former Canadian Prime Minister Pearson who then headed the United Nations Political Committee. Through Major General Romulo the Philippines came to play an important role on the international scene.

We appreciated the high esteem he accorded Canada. Our relations with the Philippines during his tenure as Foreign Minister were indeed most harmonious and friendly. This is demonstrated by the conferral of an Honourary Degree on him by the Canadian Royal Military College and by his visit to Canada October 7 - 10, 1981.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, of all Canadians and on my own behalf, I would be grateful if you would convey to the bereaved family our sincere condolences and also our sense of admiration for the person we came to appreciate and love so much".