



MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

23 August 1995

Dear Chief Minister Stone,

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the warm hospitality you accorded me and the members of my official delegation during my visit to the Northern Territory in the course of my State Visit to Australia from 18-23 August 1995.

Our frank and insightful discussions afforded us excellent opportunities to exchange views on the political and economic developments between the Philippines and the Northern Territory on a wide range of issues, especially on the Northern Territory's interest to actively participate in the Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines - East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA). I am confident that this interest will soon be realized and that the Northern Territory will play a vital role in the fast development of BIMP-EAGA.

I am gratified to note that efforts on the part of our businessmen are underway to further improve trade and investment relations between the Philippines and the Northern Territory. I look forward to even more vigorous exchanges between our businessmen in the future.

Again, thank you for your warm hospitality.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Philippine representative, is positioned to the right of the letter's body.

The Honorable
Shane Stone MLA
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory
Australia