LTR, Philippine Economic Mission, dated

26 Oct 1954, Addressed To Secretary of

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PHILIPPINE ROSNOMIC MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES Washington, D. C.

October 26, 1954

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Secretary of State Washington, D. C. DECLASSIFIED
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Cotober 25, 1954

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His Excellency John Foster Dulles Secretary of State Washington, D. C. COPY

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