

## Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Overseas Absentee Voting Act; Legislative Oversight Committee on the Visiting Forces Agreement;
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## **RUSH AND PERSONAL!**

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Senator Teofisto L. Guingona III Chair, Blue Ribbon Committee Email: senatorguingona@gmail.com And by hand

Dear Senator T.G.:

As a member of the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee, I respectfully recommend that the committee should hold a public hearing, as soon as possible, to receive the testimony of whistleblower Benhur Luy regarding his backup file on a hard drive alleged to be in the possession of Janet Napoles.

The *Inquirer* today, in its banner headline, reported that in the Luy backup file, there is what I shall call the Luy list of some 200 people, including: "lawmakers, department heads, a former Supreme Court justice, popular media personalities, heads of government-owned and -controlled, corporations, government employees of various agencies, local government officials, lawyers, military officials, showbiz personalities, employees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and private individuals."

It appears that Luy through his lawyer, has expressed consent to divulging the files, including the names of public officials who allegedly received "kickbacks" or illegal bribes from Napoles. Accordingly, I humbly submit that it is crucial for the sake of truth that Luy should testify on the Luy list, in order to settle the conflicting claims of suspicious people like Janet Napoles, Panfilo Lacson, and Sandra Cam who, not coincidentally, claimed that each one has his or her own list.

The details of this development are found in the banner headline "Complete records of Benhur Luy bared," in the *Inquirer* today, May 12.

Previously, I sent you a letter recommending that Napoles should be recalled to the witness stand. At that time, I was under the impression that she had

offered to be a state witness, because she has left purposely vague whether she would apply as state witness. I may have been wrong.

Therefore, as I told a press conference a few days ago in Baliuag, Bulacan, I support your move to instead wait for the justice secretary to release the Napoles list. It appears to me, as a former RTC judge, that each person claiming to have a list – Napoles, Panfilo Lacson, and Sandra Cam – might be acting in concert as attack dogs, for one or all three senators indicted for plunder.

In particular, Lacson's claim that his "big reveal" might destroy public trust in the Senate, is an audible symptom of someone apparently suffering from megalomania and other grave disorders. The Lacson ploy should be instantly denounced as a feeble attempt to terrorize the Congress into submission to his disordered scenario.

Last Monday (May 12), President Aquino was reported as saying in Naypyitaw, Burma, that he has been shown two lists, both from Napoles, and another list from Lacson. The President reportedly said that each list differs from the others. The President reportedly expressed the suspicion that certain quarters are "trying to cloud the issue." This supports my humble call for the Luy list.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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