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I, BRIG GEN FRANCISCO V. GUDANI AFP, of legal age, married, Filipino Citizen, residing at Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City, after having been duly sworn in accordance with law do hereby depose and state:

1. For the past few months my conscience has bothered me, for being silent in spite of the fact that there were very vital issues of national importance that have been the cause of national controversy. Said controversy has divided our people, to include the Armed Forces of the Philippines. But because I believe that truth and justice always prevails and that it is my duty as a good citizen to let the public know the truth, today, I come in compliance of a Senate summon to appear before this August body in order to manifest and truthfully declare what I know in my capacity as the former Task force Commander of Joint Task Force Ranao. Last night while I was preparing for my appearance in the Senate Committee my cellphone was ringing continuously because of calls coming from some people discouraging me to appear in this investigation. In fact, I'm saddened to inform you that there were high government officials who tried to intervene through the chain of command in order to prevent me from appearing in this Committee. At about 1:00 o'clock, a messenger from GHQ sent me a letter coming from the CS to Supt. PMA Inform OLA AFP that per instruction of her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, no AFP personnel shall appear before any Congressional or Senate hearing without her approval. Inform Brig. General Francisco Gudani and Alexander Balutan accordingly. Notwithstanding, for love of God and country, I am now appearing here to tell you and the sovereign Filipino people whom we have sworn to serve and protect, the truth and nothing but the truth.

2. First of all I would like to inform the Senate Committee that the conversation in the Garci tape pertaining to a General who was ordered to leave his assignment during the very critical time when he was badly needed by his unit during the counting of votes of the recent national election is absolutely true. If I may quote the conversation in the Garci tape, this is the conversation your honors, to wit:

Conversation between a man and a woman on 28 22:13 May 2004

Gary: Hello, good evening ma'am.

GMA: Hello, si the FPJ camp raw will file a case against the Board of Canvassers of ano, dun sa Marawi and the Military?

Gary: Ano, ma'am?

GMA: The FPJ camp raw will file a case against the Board of Canvassers and the military in Marawi.

Gary: Hindi naman po siguro nila maa-ano yung ating Board of Canvassers, pero ang military, si Judane, sa kanila si Judane. I do not know why they will file.

GMA: Oo, oo.

Gary: Sa kanila si Judane ma'am. In fact I have to work with Gen. Esteron and Gen. Qiamco at that time, pnalitan nga nlya si Judane

*Placed and signed by
Hon. Atty. H. Calica, NCSA
Committee Secretary
28 Sept 2005
11:05 am*

Francisco Gudani

for a while. Kaya kyan, pero baki nila pafite-itan and military na sa kanila lahat. Halos ayaw na nga mag-give way sa amin ng mga tao.

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Conversation between Gary and Gene on 08 13:25 hotel June 2004

Gene: Boss, nakatanggap ako ng certification ngayon ditto galing sa mga bata natin sa Lanao, nag-fallure na naman pala dahil kay Butani. Putang-ina, sino ha yang Butani, bakit....?

Gary: Yun ang pina-alis ko.

Gene: Oo nga, bat anduloon na naman. Papaano to?

Gene: Putang-ina, tarantado tulaga to.

Gary: Oo, pinaalis ko yan eh. Pero after three days after elections, humalik man dyan. And nag...dyan si Col. Tereno thru Gen. Teron at tsaka si Gen. Quimco.

Gene: Eh ano ba gagawin ko, gagawan ko ng memo a ipapaschedule, papano, gagawa ako ng memo sa inyo?

Gary: Ipa-reschedule natin.

Gene: Gagawa ako ng ano ha.

Gary: Oo para sa commission en banc"

James Butani

3. That conversation pertaining to a General who was relieved of his position for doing his duty of seeing to it that there should be an honest and fair election is absolutely true. Why do I say this your honors? It is because I am that General.

4. For a long time, I have been trying to figure out why I was relieved of such position for several days...why I was called to Manila by my superiors just to play golf during times when all armed forces unit commanders were on red alert, without giving me a relevant task to do during those days when counting of votes during the 2004 National election was being done. It is incomprehensible and illogical that I would be asked to leave my unit when my presence as a commander was very material. (stay in unit for 1 wk)

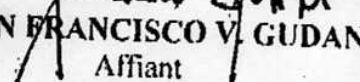
5. Like a jigsaw puzzle I was able to resolve the enigma, when I was able to talk with my classmate in Philippine Military Academy who is now occupying also a top level position in the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He informed me by saying that a lot of money has been given to concerned individuals for them to deliver the necessary votes in favor of President Gloria Arroyo. Also, my classmate told me that Garcillano asked Somalipao if he could rig the election. And Somalipao replied that he could not rig the election with GUDANI around.

6. All that I could say is that I did my best to do my duty as a professional soldier so that the task given to us to preserve the sanctity of the ballot would be performed. I saw to it that this mission has been communicated to my subordinate commanders and I saw to it that this order was implemented religiously by constant monitoring overtly and covertly. Ironically, what I got in return was an order of relief from my post. What made it worse is that I was replaced by an Army Colonel in spite of the fact that almost all

members of Joint Task Force Ranao were marine soldiers. I strongly feel that there was injustice committed in this aspect.

7. As what I have said, I am ready to tell the truth in this investigation because I believe that the truth shall set us free.

AFFIANT FURTHER SAYETH NAUGHT.


BRIG GEN FRANCISCO V. GUDANI AFP
Affiant

SUBSCRIBE AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this ___ day of September 2005 in the City of _____, Affiant exhibiting to me his Community Tax Certificate No: 20104760 issued at Baguio City on March 29, 2005.
