

THE CHAIRPERSON. (Continuing)...way. I presume you won't.

REP. RODRIGUEZ. It's not technicalities but normally, in all proceedings...

THE CHAIRPERSON. I know that, I know that.

REP. RODRIGUEZ: ...it was just shown the date of ...

THE CHAIRPERSON: I do not need to be...I don't need to be instructed on that, I know that already.

REP. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah. And also, Mr. Chairman, before they can answer, I think we should finish the tape because their answer to a partial showing will not be a complete answer to what is stated.

THE CHAIRPERSON. Okay.

REP. RODRIGUEZ: And that is why I would move that we finish the tape, since we have started it, and let them answer the entire thing. Because they'll be answering a portion of a tape which we do not know what will follow from what he's saying.

THE CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

REP. RODRIGUEZ: So let us finish the tape and let them answer after that.

THE CHAIRPERSON. All right. I was just observing that so far I have not heard specific allegations of specific transactions but general statements, but Congressman Rodriguez, on the one hand, does not want to present it, on the other hand wants to present it all, so we present it all.

Please continue with the tape...

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Chairman.

REP. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ. Mr. Chairman.

REP. GOLEZ. Just for clarification also. I think I read somewhere that this person claims to be an official of the COMELEC, is that correct?

THE CHAIRPERSON: That's right, that's right. Maybe we should clarify that.

REP. GOLEZ: And the way he was describing the operation, he appears to be well placed up there, not a minor official but a ranking official.

THE CHAIRPERSON. Congressman Golez, I had a different impression. I got the impression that he is talking off the top of his head.

REP. ROMUALDEZ. Mr. Chairman, if that is the case...

THE CHAIRPERSON. No, no...

REP. ROMUALDEZ. ... why are we listening to that?

THE CHAIRPERSON. Why don't we let them answer instead of giving our own opinions? I don't wanna give my own opinion.

REP. GOLEZ. You already gave your opinion, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRPERSON. Because you keep objecting.

Congressman Romualdez.

REP. ROMUALDEZ. Mr. Chairman, instead of...

REP. PEDRO P. ROMUALDO. I would...

THE CHAIRPERSON. Congressman Romualdez first.

REP. ROMUALDEZ. If it is the desire of the Committee to continue with the tape, could we request the technician to adjust the volume because it's very hard to decipher what is going on because I can only hear answers to questions that I don't hear.

THE CHAIRPERSON: Okay,

REP. ROMUALDEZ: So, if this tape has any probative value, I think, you know, we should listen to the whole thing but I think there are many many questions that Congressman Rodriguez has raised as what this tape is all about...

THE CHAIRPERSON. That's right, that's right.

REP. ROMUALDEZ. ...because even the Chairman has premised the presentation of this, it's an interview of a koala bear, you know.

THE CHAIRPERSON. Exactly.

REP. ROMUALDEZ: So is there any value other than...

THE CHAIRPERSON. Well, the...I'm not...We're not going...

REP. ROMUALDEZ: Mr. Chairman, is there any other...time before the complainants come in because it's not...I'd rather take half an hour recess until all the complainants come in.

THE CHAIRPERSON. Why don't you take a half hour recess?

REP. ROMUALDEZ. No, no, I didn't...

THE CHAIRPERSON. You're welcome to it. I'd like to ask Congressman Romualdez...

REP. ROMUALDEZ. Either way, either way, but first I think if our technical people can adjust the volume, I cannot hear a single question.

THE CHAIRPERSON. I'm nearer and I couldn't hear it either. So please improve it.

But meanwhile, Congressman Romualdo.

REP. ROMUALDO. Yes, Mr. Chairman. I am seconding the statement of Congressman Romualdez that we should...ah, Rodriguez...

THE CHAIRPERSON. That we should finish the tape.

All right, we'll finish the playing of the tape but please improve the sound because I frankly don't get it.

Is it going to take long to fix the tape, the sound system,? Can you play it now? Please play it already so that we can get this agony over with.

*Audio visual presentation*

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