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**Statement of U.S. Ambassador-designate Harry K. Thomas, Jr.  
Upon Arrival in the Philippines April 10, 2010  
Ninoy Aquino International Airport  
(As Delivered)**

*Magandang gabi sa inyong lahat.* I am delighted to be here to take up my responsibilities as the Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of the Philippines. America and the Philippines are long-standing treaty partners, we are great friends, and we have much to do together. I look forward to working with the people of the Philippines and the people of America and to learn a lot about each other.

My father was here after World War II and he always told me what a great time he had with the people of the Philippines. I hope that I can live up to the work that he and his colleagues did here on behalf of the Philippines.

Thank you all very much. *Maraming, maraming salamat sa inyong lahat.*

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