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Dear Ms. Mangahas:

In response to your letter dated May 20, 2010 to Justice Lucas P. Bersamin, I am issuing the following clarification on his behalf:

T.S.I FREIGHT FORWARDERS

T.S.I. Freight Forwarders was formed as a family corporation of a client of Justice Bersamin before he joined the Judiciary in late 1986. He was included as an incorporator and allotted a nominal share. After he was appointed as Quezon City Regional Trial Court Judge in November 1986, he ceased to have connections with the corporation.

As far as he knows, the corporation stopped operating some 20 years ago. The owners have ventured into a different line of business.

RANG AY TI ABRA FOUNDATION

Rang Ay Ti Abra Foundation was formed by former classmates and contemporaries of Justice Bersamin from Abra to work for the development and progress of the province. It was a non-stock, non-profit organization.

However, after some of its founders moved abroad, the foundation has stopped its operations, and has not functioned for the past 20 years.

Justice Bersamin does not have any record of his withdrawal of participation from this foundation, except the information you provided saying that his interest is already "null."

Thank you.

Sincerely yours



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