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Dear Dr. Burton,

Greetings from the National Museum!

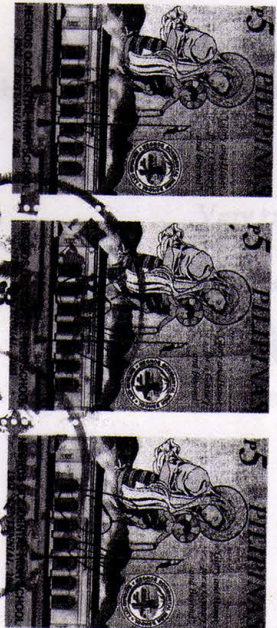
This morning while reading newspapers and before receiving your letter, I had gotten concerned about the article on Antonio J. Montalvan brought up today in his column "Kris Crossing Mindanao" ("Davao Heritage Site Ongoing," *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, 30 June 2003), and queried Mr. Cesar Alarado, assistant director, about it.

Your letter has underscored the seriousness of the situation. The National Museum is thus reviewing means available to us that we might be able to assist, as well as to assert its responsibility in the protection of our problem of heritage.

We are to congratulate you for...

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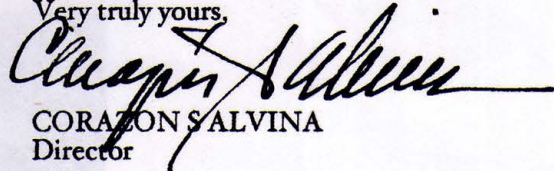
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This morning, while reading the papers and before receiving your letter, I had gotten concerned about the issue that Antonio J Montalvan brought up today in his column Kris-Crossing Mindanao ("Destruction of Heritage Site Ongoing," *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, 30 June 2003), and queried Mr Cecilio G Salcedo, assistant director, about it.

Your letter has underscored the seriousness of the situation. The National Museum is thus reviewing means available to us, so that we might be able to assist, as well as to assert its responsibility and authority, in this problem of heritage.

The price of cultural preservation is indeed vigilance: Permit me to congratulate you for your watchfulness. We will be in touch again shortly. *Maraming salamat.*

Very truly yours,



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