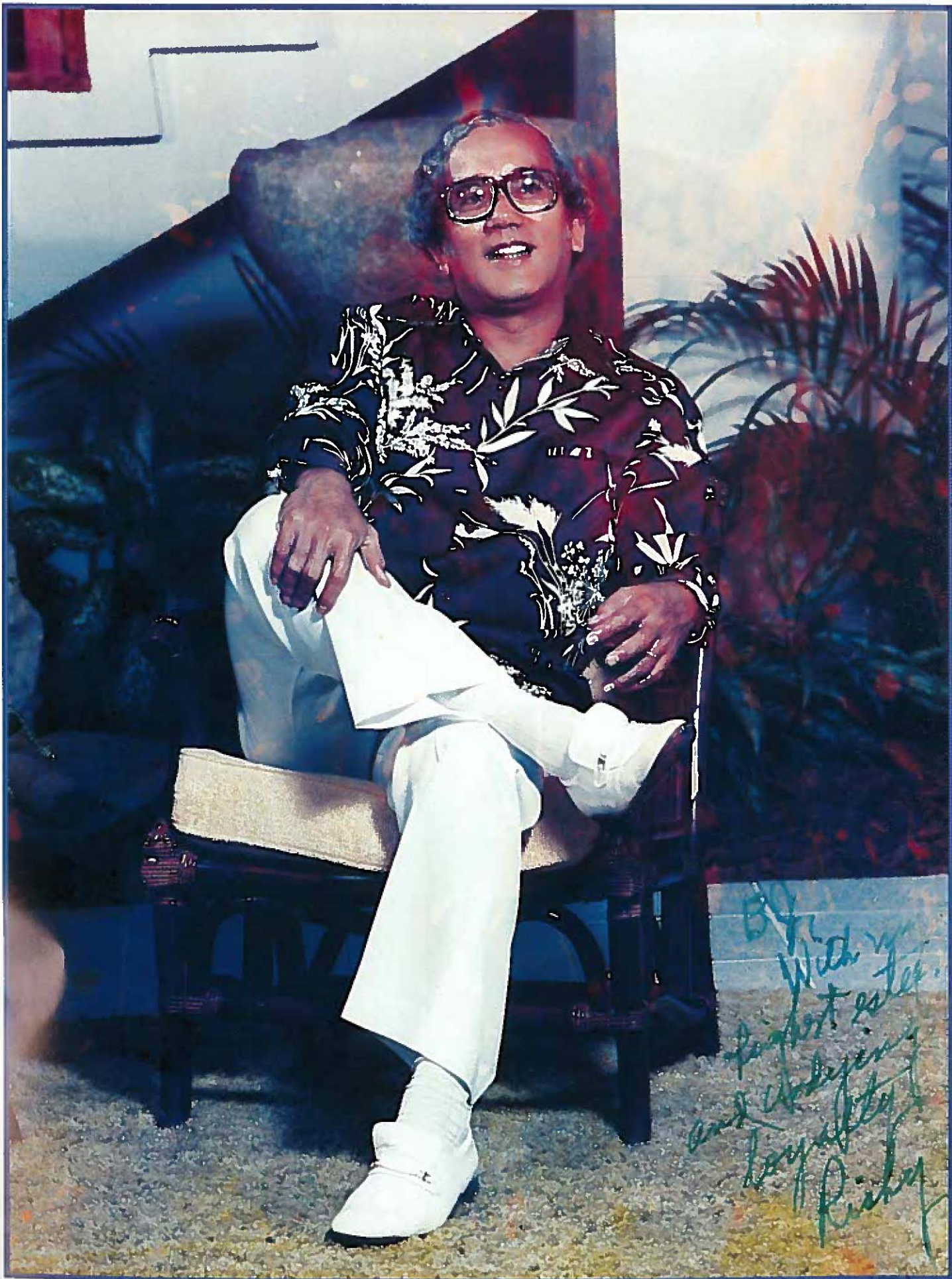


Commemorative Ceremony

Ricardo J. Bordallo
Governor's Complex
Adelup

Friday, January 31, 1997





By With you
highest esteem
and wishing
Long life
Rickey



RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY

Anniversary Mass

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 1997

Agana Cathedral Basilica

Dedication Ceremony

10:00 a.m. Friday, January 31, 1997

Governor's Complex Grounds, Adelup



Ricky was a man for all seasons. He was the political visionary and also the rugged farmer, the brilliant businessman as well as the devoted family man. And for as long as I knew him, he was always the man who cared deeply for the welfare of others.

With characteristic foresight, Ricky was the first to recognize my potential for politics. In 1968 he advised me to run for Senator. I declined, deciding instead to help him in his first gubernatorial bid in 1970, with his then running mate the late former Senator Richard Taitano.

My first taste of politics came from setting up signs and what must have been a thousand tiki torches on Ricky's Beach. I ended up smelling like diesel for two weeks, but it was all part of a valuable education.

The Bordallo-Taitano campaign was called "New Day," and it was a particularly fitting slogan for me. My "New Day" began as I took my first lessons in politics from one of Guam's greatest leaders. I learned so much from Ricky. Ricky was a man who led by example, and no man showed as much determination, compassion, and generosity as he did. He was my mentor, but more than that, he was my close personal friend.

Ricky's many accomplishments, his daring leadership style, and most especially his dedication and love for the people of Guam continue to inspire me and many of our island leaders today. His strong leadership was especially vital during those early days of Guam's fledgling government. His lasting contributions to our community, both politically and personally, cannot be measured. He was a true advocate of our people.

One of Ricky's greatest legacies is our island's quest for Commonwealth. Ricky was a vigorous champion of Chamorro rights and culture, and proved himself one of our people's true heroes. And he was no less a hero at home, being a proud father and devoted husband, as well as a warm friend to all who knew him.

The dedication of the Adelup Complex as the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex is a fitting tribute to this great man. A public servant for over 40 years — a Senator for 7 terms and Governor for two — Ricky's legacy is as imposing as the structure which now bears his name. His place in Guam's history is secure, and he will forever be in the hearts and minds of our people.




GOVERNOR CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
Geri, Carla, Tommy & Hannah



My Dear People of Guam:

There are no words to describe the overwhelming love, gratitude and appreciation in my heart on this day. Today we dedicate these grounds and buildings to memorialize not only Ricky Bordallo as a man and leader ... today we memorialize Ricky's love for his people ... his quest for the ascendancy of the Chamorro people to equality among all men ... and his relentless pursuit for the best and highest quality of life for all who live on Guam.



The Adelup Governor's Complex is the embodiment of Ricky's dream of an executive office complex exemplifying and befitting the pride of our people and the richness of our culture, our tradition and our history. Ricky envisioned Adelup as a source of pride and motivation ... encouraging our people to always strive for the best ... and instilling in our children the spirit to never settle for less.

As his partner and confidante for 38 years, I witnessed first hand the burning love Ricky had for his people ... a love which knew no bounds, no limits and no equal and a love always returned by every man, woman and child who knew him. The Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex memorializes that love forever.

To all who made this day possible, your generosity, kindness and effort will ensure that Ricky's love for his people and his island will live forever. From our hearts, Deborah, Nicole and I extend our heartfelt Thank You ... Maraming Salamat Po. and ... I mas dangkulo na Si' Yu'os Ma'ase. We know that because of today, Ricky will be with us always and he is now saying ... ou guaiya hao todos ... ou guaiya hao Guam. We love you all.


LT. GOVERNOR MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
Deborah & Nicole



Office of the Speaker

On behalf of the 24th Guam Legislature, it is with great pleasure that we participate in today's ceremony dedicating the Adelup Complex the "**Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex.**"

It is difficult to capsulize the extraordinary public life and personal accomplishments of a great individual ... a consummate politician who served the people of Guam as senator for seven terms, before leading the island as Governor for two terms.

To many, Governor Ricardo Jerome Bordallo was a champion of the working man -- the fishermen, the farmers, the common man. To others, he was a master orator, a visionary -- accomplishing what others said could not be done. Still others saw him as a true Chamorro, never forgetting his cultural heritage, fighting for a new and better political status for Guam.

But we can agree on one thing: his countless political contributions and public influence on our island has earned him a distinct place in Guam history.

It is only fitting that we celebrate today by renaming the Adelup Complex in his honor... a showcase in which both residents and visitors could be proud of.

Let the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex forever stand as a reminder of his kindness and generosity, his warmth and friendliness, his admiration of beauty and his love for the people of Guam.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Senator Antonio R. Unpingco.

SENATOR ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker, 24th Guam Legislature



SUPREME COURT Territory of Guam

On this occasion of the re-naming of the Adelup complex in memory of the Honorable Ricardo J. Bordallo, we are reminded of the late Governor's devotion to the self determination of our island's people.

Specifically in the Judicial branch, the drive for self-determination was set into motion in 1974 during the late Governor's first term in office, with the creation of the first Supreme Court and the organization of the Superior Court.

Although Guam's High Court was struck down by the federal courts in 1977, the vision endured and paved the way to the newly-realized independence of a third branch of government. For this, the people of Guam can always be grateful.

The existence of three co-equal branches of government is an essential cornerstone in the process of building a democracy based on self determination. As the Judiciary of Guam assumes its legitimate status alongside the Executive and Legislative branches, the late Governor Bordallo would have been proud of the progress our island has made in its quest for political autonomy.

Uncle Ricky, I know you and Uncle Dick are up there somewhere raising all sorts of stuff like pineapple and mansanita. Many remember; hopefully, more are listening.


PETER C. SIGUENZA
Chief Justice



Congress of the United States

"I am certain that after the dust of centuries has passed over our cities, we, too, will be remembered not for victories or defeats in battle or politics, but for our contribution to the human spirit."

-John F. Kennedy, November 1962

It is likely that historians and scholars will be debating Governor Ricky Bordallo's life and times for many years to come. The impact of his actions, words, and deeds as governor and legislator is still reverberating throughout our community. Though he is gone, his political values and beliefs continue to influence those who knew him and those who wish to learn of him.

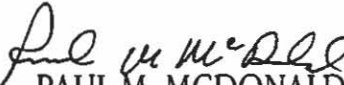
Ricky Bordallo's contributions to Guam are enormous. There are capitol projects -parks, roads, bridges, recreational facilities, public housing, and government buildings - that testify to his characterization as a builder and dreamer. There are laws, policies and executive orders that attest to his long range vision. And there are many men and women currently in public and private professional service who were motivated, inspired, and even challenged by Ricky Bordallo to test their limitations - to try harder, aim higher and go further.

In bestowing his name upon the Adelup Executive Complex, we honor not only his memory and legacy as a political force and public servant, we are remembering Ricardo J. Bordallo for his contribution to the spirit and pride of the people of Guam.


ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD
Member of Congress



To a man that had contributed so much to our island, there is no better way for our island to show appreciation so that future generations will continue to remember a great man that once governed our island. Congratulations to the family, friends and the people of Guam for the dedication of our beautiful complex.


PAUL M. MCDONALD
President



Archbishop's Office

On behalf of the People of God of the Archdiocese of Agaña, I write to join our voice to the words of so many in offering thanks for the more than forty years of leadership and service to our island by Ricardo J. Bordallo.

To borrow words from our liturgy of the Eucharist, "it is truly meet and just, right and availing," that the governor's offices at Adelup should be dedicated in his memory and bear his name.

In his two terms as governor, in his seven earlier terms in the Legislature, he served with both generosity and with distinction.

And so, to those who will use these offices, to those who read these words, to those who share our affection for our former governor: Si Yu'os infanbinendisi ya infansinustieni gi patman i kanai-na: May God bless you and may He sustain you in the palm of his hand.

Servus tuus,


+ANTHONY SABLÁN APURÓN, OFM. CAP., D.D.
Metropolitan Archbishop of Agaña

A TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR RICARDO JEROME BORDALLO

BY
EDWARD DIEGO REYES

I am pleased to write this tribute on behalf of Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo on the occasion of the dedication naming the Adelup Complex in his honor. I am similarly privileged to have served Guam along-side this great leader as partner during his second term as Governor of Guam. Ricky so loved Guam that he was quite willing to give up his life for her people.

Many on Guam, and the world for that matter, have occupied positions of leadership in high places and do a fair job while others still simply masquerade as leaders. Indeed, the emergence of real leadership is rare and far between. Ricardo J. Bordallo is one such rare, real leader who came forth to lead this Island with distinction as twice Governor, seven terms as Senator in the Guam Legislature, and as an entrepreneur in the business community.

In spite of the heavy demands of his office, Ricky single-handedly built the Democratic Party of Guam over the years to the height of its strength in 1987 when he left the political scene. Most assuredly not by choice. The vast majority of democrats on island consider the Democratic party of Guam synonymous with the name Ricky Bordallo.

Ricky's accomplishments were unsurpassed by anyone else who has ever ascended to the Position as Governor of Guam. the Island is studded with the numerous things, important things, he has done to elevate the quality of life of people on this Island.

As early as 1974 at the start of his first administration, Ricky foresaw the coming of an economic boom in the tourism industry which in fact came in the last half of the 1980's. Keeping this in mind he took immediate action to prepare the Island for this eventuality. He embarked on a massive program to develop Tumon Bay with the needed infrastructure which would allow the construction of over 5,000 room hotels for the tourists. At the same time he proceeded to infuse the Island with other infrastructure projects which would not only compliment tourism but also benefit the Island as a whole. He inserted over 30 miles of upgraded water and sewer lines, several sewer treatment plants, over half a dozen large water Reservoirs, and dug over 20 water wells. He also expanded over 20 miles of the major highways and replaced 8 bridges. He planned and funded the construction of the New Airport.

Yet ever mindful of the need of the local people, he took action to acquire the structure which now houses the

Guam Memorial Hospital; he built numerous community centers throughout the Island and constructed at least 200 Low Cost Housing units for the poor and the elderly. These are but a few examples of what Ricky has done for the Island. Others are too numerous to cover her. But perhaps the Crowning Jewel of his efforts is the construction and completion of the Adelup facility and Government House. Ricky often referred to Government House as "the house of the People," where all can come to take pride and enjoy the symbolic beauty of Guam.

Ricky was not only a builder but as much a visionary and an idealist who kept a constant focus on what is good for the people. He believed in the philosophy that if you take care of the people in the villages, the working people, that most everything else will fall into place. The economy will grow, jobs will increase, and overall the people's quality of life will improve. He was of course very correct. Much of the things we enjoy today is because he came and made a tremendous imprint on this beautiful Island.

On Federal-Territorial relation, Ricky provided the strategic guidance for the crafting of the proposed Commonwealth Act of Guam which was ratified in a referendum by the people and is now pending consideration by the U.S. Government. He fervently believed that Guam could achieve a greater degree of justice if only the U.S. will grant a measure of self-determination and freedom from the shackles of federal restrictions.

Frustrated by U.S. inaction he once told Washington in no uncertain terms to "Give us Justice or Set us Free". That shocked the Feds especially in light of the "Cold War" and the vital strategic significance of Guam in projecting U.S. military power in this part of the world. I am convinced that bold statement prompted a massive effort by the federal government in collaboration with local political operatives brought about Ricky's political down fall. But that is Ricky, he's unafraid to express his convictions, no matter what!

Ricky came and went; but his name will long be remembered and his legacy will remain forever. So it is entirely fitting and proper that we honor today this great leader, this true patriot son of Guam by naming the Adelup facility as the Ricardo Jerome Bordallo Governor's Complex.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT FOR THE DEFENSE AND SUPPORT OF RICKY J. BORDALLO (THE MANSANHITA GROUP)

Hafa Adai,

On behalf of the People's Movement for the Defense and Support of Ricky J. Bordallo, aka the "Mansanhita Group," Saludo todos hamyo.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for the following supporters who marched from Chief Quipuha Statue to the Federal Court Building on January 12, 1987. They are:



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| 1. Felix Jose Leon Guerrero Perez (Tamuning) | 17. Larry Ramirez, Jr. (Ordot) |
| 2. Fred Quinene (Merizo) | 18. Emilia Mesa (Maina) |
| 3. Catalina Baza (Merizo) | 19. John Blas (Santa Rita) |
| 4. The late Rosa T. Tuncap (Maina) | 20. The late Linda Little |
| 5. James Champaco (Merizo) | 21. Penelope Bordallo Hofschneider (Tamuning) |
| 6. Frances Suarez (Yona) | 22. Lenora Bordallo (Tamuning) |
| 7. Darling (Che) Lujan (Tamuning) | 23. Bobbie B. Siguenza (Tamuning) |
| 8. Sylvia Punzalan (Yigo) | 24. Maria Acfalle (Merizo) |
| 9. Juan Leon Guerrero (Tamuning) | 25. Rita Longa (Mangilao) |
| 10. Josepha Torres (Pai), Piti | 26. Fred Dela Cruz (Tinian) |
| 11. Ana S. Palomo (Piti) | 27. Juan G. Tenorio (Barrigada) |
| 12. The late Frances Alvarez | 28. Lisa Metillon |
| 13. Frances Hudgens (Agana Heights) | 29. Rosa Quinene (Merizo) |
| 14. Mayor Frank Portusach (Agana Heights) | 30. Jesus Meno (Merizo) |
| 15. Frank Sablan (Agat) | 31. Priscilla Tuncap (Maina) |
| 16. Elizabeth Ramirez (Ordot) | 32. John J.P. Quan (Santa Rita) |

Yes, these loyal Chamorros who believed in Governor Ricky Bordallo marched the monumental path from Chief Quipuha to the Pacific Daily News Federal Building in Agana. We marched in protest against the injustice, against the cruel and tyrannical conditions by the federal government and how they have treated our people. We marched to ease our pain and the misery of insults predicated by Attorney John O'Connor against our Governor. We marched to demonstrate the cohesiveness that binds us in preserving our culture and heritage which our ancestors have fought so hard, sacrificed so long while suffering so many encounters along the way. Thus the Mansanhita Group is passionately conceived through this day.

I would like to express my sincere Si Yu'os Ma'ase to Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez and the 23rd Guam Legislature for their vision to name the Adelup Complex, the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex.

Last but not least Si Yu'os Maase to the Executive Dedication Committee.

Magahet yan Sinceridad,

Si Priscilla T. Tuncap

Si Priscilla T. Tuncap
Chairperson, Mansanhita Group

Si Felix Jose Leon Guerrero Perez
Honorary Chairperson





DR. JUDITH P. GUTHERTZ

If there is a lesson to be gained from the endeavors of Ricardo J. Bordallo, it is that a political leader and his ideas need not be relegated to the library or to an ivory tower detached from the currents of his time. With zeal and consuming passion, political leaders can get their ideas into practice.

Ricky's fixation with issues like empowerment of people and people-oriented governance drew him into discussions on the anomalies of Guam's political status. He saw Guam's status central to the "whole" which needed to be reformed if the economy, the administrative structures of government, and the societal configuration were to be reformed.

Ricky's interest in the political system was intense, because it was the arena in which equality for the people of Guam, and protection of their interests and welfare could be best addressed. He said, "Guam, to the United States is viewed as a show-window of American democracy in the Pacific; but this window is only half-open to the people of the Territory because the expression of their popular will for a more legitimate political status has yet to be responded to."

Ricky's movement for a new political status for Guam and for more citizen participation in government was ahead of its time, but it isn't something that can be ignored for long. Less than seven years later, his political status goals have evolved into popular movements among all segments of the island.

During his tenure, he sought to strengthen the administrative system to make it work not just better, but smarter, identifying its weaknesses and idiosyncracies. Ricky's preoccupation with public accountability, complimented by his people-oriented philosophy towards improving and reforming government may not have influenced unwilling minds but it found its way into helping the people of Guam.



I often describe this trend to my UOG students this way: the "public" in Public Administration, was originally assumed to mean the government or public organizations. It was redefined by Ricardo J. Bordallo to refer to "the people," which the administrative system purports to serve. In this Bordallo-led incarnation, the practice of Public Administration focuses less on the government institution and more on who it serves.

It is incorrect to attribute to Governor Bordallo alone what Guam has become today, but it is not wrong to say that he did much to make Guam what it is. His legacies and contributions have had a profound effect on the development of our island. But, if he were with us now, he would probably refuse to acknowledge any credit for this progress. That's just the way he was.

Ricardo J. Bordallo provided



leadership in his own inspiring, sometimes obsessive ways, and he triumphed over adversity. It's what champions and winners always do. What more could be said of the man, but that he served well his God, island, and people.

ROBERT G.P. CRUZ

Governor Bordallo gave young persons the opportunity to serve as leaders. The late Gene Ramsey and myself are two examples. At twenty-five, I was selected by the Parks and Recreation Commission and approved by the Governor to be the first Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. I concurrently served as State Historic Preservation Officer, responsible for identifying and protecting our historic buildings and archaeological sites. As Director, I had the privilege of shaping the development of our park system, and

youth and community recreation programs and facilities.

I will never forget or regret experiencing Governor Bordallo's tireless leadership or vision. He recorded thousands of thoughts on a micro tape recorder, and had his staff transcribe and follow up on what involved your agency.

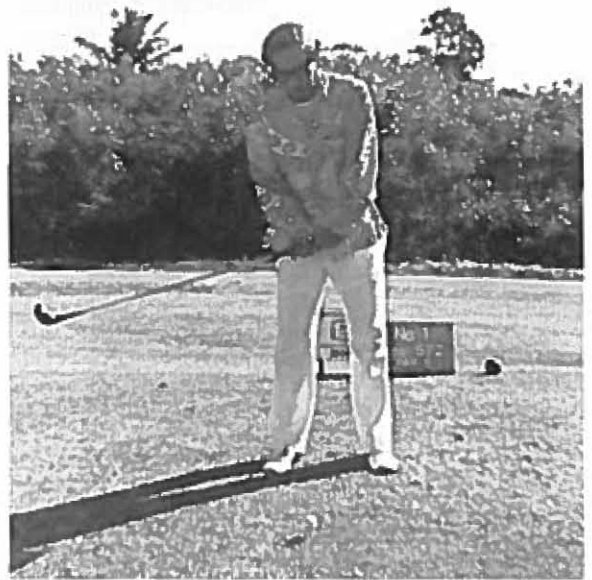
He supported innovation and hard work, but expected you to be accountable for you agency's performance. You might be called to his residence for a private sunrise breakfast to hear his displeasure over some short coming, or called to attend his "subcabinet" meetings with all the village mayors to respond to their concerns. And no one could forget the marathon sessions during the annual village meetings where the entire cabinet attended evening meetings to face citizen's complaints — on their own turf.

At the end of his first term, his letters of recommendation helped me get accepted by nine law schools. When I returned, he asked me to accept a cabinet position during his second term. Although I chose to build my legal experience by working as a law clerk at the Superior Court and as an Assistant Attorney General specializing in administrative law and hearings, he still sought me out for brief periods of service as Acting Legal Counsel, Office of the Governor.

Governor Bordallo amazed me with his ability to analyze a person's argument, rationalize how it could be wrong, and then convince that person why the Governor's interpretation was the better approach or position to take. He probably would have made a brilliant trial attorney.

Reflecting upon all of the responsible positions I have held, I believe that it was that first cabinet position I held which gave me the confidence to aspire to other positions of leadership, and to try to make a difference in our community.





...I Remember

Ricky

CATHY GAULT

When President Reagan's speech writer published her book, "What I Saw At the Revolution," I chuckled and thought back to 1983, when I joined Governor Bordallo's staff.

It was three days after the inauguration and the office was still in the throes of transition. The place was a confusing mess, and I wondered what I had gotten myself into. I had come from the private sector and GovGuam was mind-boggling, even from inside the top. As I sat at my temporary desk feeling utterly stupid, a cheerful face with a handlebar mustache appeared at the door. The mustache introduced himself as John Benavente, the incoming Veterans Affairs director. After some perfunctory chit-chat I told John how lost I felt. John told me not to worry, that I'd be a veteran in a month, and "when this is all over, you can write a book and call it 'My Four Years in the Trenches.'"

John probably didn't know how prophetic he'd been. Someday I do hope to write a book, but it won't just be about my years in the trenches as Governor Bordallo's press secretary. More than anything, I want to share the three succeeding years I spent helping him write his autobiography. Oh the stories I could tell — like the time he made kardon ox tail, left the pot on the stove, and forgot all about it ... until it started to stink up the house. Madeleine, a fastidious housekeeper, was off island but due home that evening. "She's gonna kill me," he said when I arrived for that day's interview session. So instead of book work, we cleaned the kitchen and tried to get rid of the smell.

Then there was time he set the lawn mower blade too low and shaved the lawn down to the roots. He insisted it wasn't a mistake — it was an experiment, to see if the grass would grow back more evenly. It did.

During the renovation of Adelup, the Gov pitched in and helped with the

grounds work whenever possible. We often had to go looking for him somewhere on

the grounds of Adelup. On one such search, I found him standing near the rock wall below the Hafa Ada Pavilion. (Chief of Staff John Whitt joked that if Ricky hadn't run out of rocks, the wall would go all the way around Guam). The Gov was gazing north toward Agana. He seemed lost in thought and I was hesitant about disturbing him. He sensed my presence and turned toward me. "This is why the Governor's Office should be here." When the pressures of work become overwhelming, he said, the Governor and his staff can simply step outside, take a deep breath of sea breeze, look around, and see what they are working for. At Adelup, he said, no Governor would be able to escape the reminders that he works for the people of Guam.

FRANCISCO "FRANK" S. N. TAIJERON, FIRST APPOINTED FIRE CHIEF OF THE GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Governor Bordallo was not only a builder, but was commonly called a "dreamer." All one has to do is look around the island and see the projects that were built in the fulfillment of that dream — the restoration of the culture of the people and island he dearly loved.

Ricky was a governor who did not fear public outcries on projects or issues that were considered controversial. Some examples are the repair and renovation of the Government House after Typhoon Pamela and the conversion of the Adelup Elementary School into the present Governor's Office Complex which is being dedicated in his honor. Most of all, Ricky was a man of great understanding and compassion, always making time to listen to people's problems.

In short, Governor Bordallo was a man of great stature — a great statesman. But

most significantly of all, he was a grassroots man. A man who believed in making the people first!

HERMAN D. SABLAN

Governor Bordallo was known as a builder. He was commonly referred to as a man of vision. The most obvious landmark improvements on



Guam are testimonies to his imagination and energy. Today, these landmarks serve as monuments to a Governor that brought Guam's image in consonance with our main industry of tourism.

As a key staff member in his Governor's office, and as Director of GEPA, and one of his closest advisors, I had the opportunity to observe at first hand his gifted thinking process and endless energy. He was a master politician. I viewed him as a mentor and a source of inspiration.

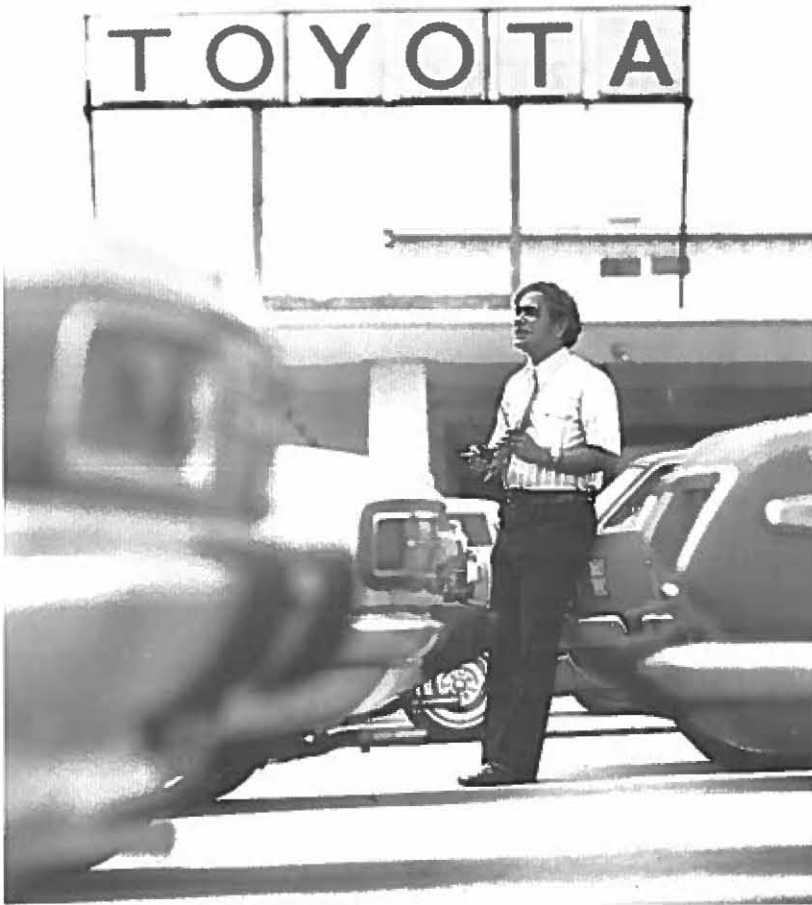
Governor Bordallo envisioned balanced and blended development. He was sensitive to the island ecology and culture, while pursuing economic growth. Quality of life, to him, meant equality in opportunity, and prosperity. He was a man of the people.

Ricky was a controversial governor. He created controversy only because he had the foresight and courage to pursue projects, or issues that demanded imagination, and conceptual comprehension, that paved the way for development, dignity, and prosperity for the people. He was simply ahead of all others.

It would take a book to describe his colorful character — the impact of his leadership, and the dramatic conclusion of his career.

But, if we were to take the briefest exposition into his life, I would describe him as "a man who can stand as tall as the tallest, and be as short as the shortest." He was a statesman. He was a farmer. He was a businessman. He was a grassroots man. He was a man of the people.





Ricky in front of Ricky's Auto Company.

In 1956, Ricky's Auto Company was established and became Toyota's first American distributor. Over the next 14 years, Ricky's Auto Company would grow into Ricky's Enterprises, a \$25 million conglomerate.



Opening of Chrysler Motor Sales. Former Senator Hope Alvarez Cristobal was Miss Chrysler.



Presentation of trophy to Merizo village leaders.



Blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremonies at Ricky's Auto Company with Madeleine, Monsignor Leon Guerrero, Governor Manuel Guerrero, Bishop Baumgartner and Senator Ricardo J. Bordallo.



A Barrigada softball team, one of the numerous sports teams sponsored by Ricky's Auto Company.

RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX DEDICATION CEREMONY

10:00 a.m., Friday, January 31, 1997

Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex

Master of Ceremonies

The Honorable Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Judge, Superior Court of Guam

National Anthem

Johnny G. Sablan

Guam Hymn

Antoinette Q. Duenas & Daniel P. Quinata

Invocation

His Excellency Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron, OFM. CAP. D.D.
Archdiocese of Agana

BLESSING OF RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Guest Speakers

The Honorable Robert A. Underwood
Member of Congress

The Honorable Peter C. Siguenza
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Guam

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker, Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature

The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan
Senator, Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature

The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez
Governor of Guam

The Honorable Paul J. Bordallo
Former Senator, Guam Legislature

Ms Deborah J. Bordallo
Director, Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency

The Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo
Lt. Governor of Guam

Name Unveiling

The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez
The Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo
The Honorable Vicente C. Pangelinan

Statue Unveiling

The Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo
The Honorable Paul J. Bordallo
Ms. Deborah J. Bordallo

Wreath Laying

Ms. Nicole Bordallo Nelson
Mr. Ricardo Jerome Libby
& all Bordallo nieces and nephews

Musical Interlude

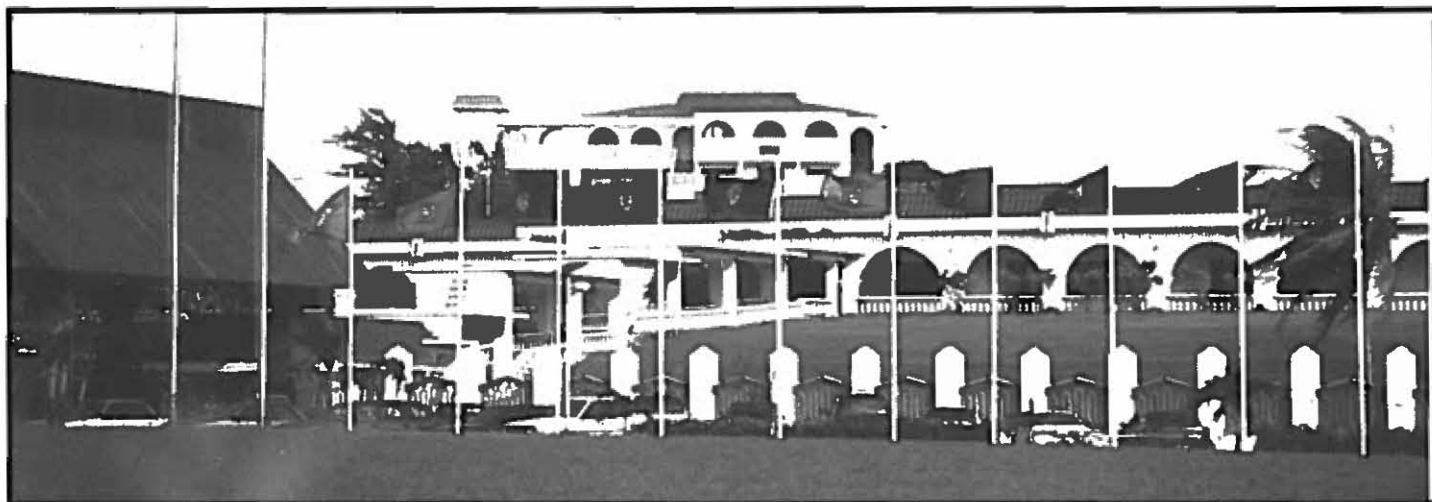
Guam Territorial Band
(former Governor's Youth Band)
Guam Territorial Chorale

Benediction and Reception Blessing

Reverend Neil Culbertson
President, Guam Ministerial Association

Entertainment

Stacia Guzman
Danny Orlino
Taotao Latte Performance Group
Reyes Brothers
Irensia Dance Group
Jimmy Dee & The Chamorritas
Guam Territorial Band
Guam Territorial Chorale



CARL J. C. AGUON, PUBLIC WORKS

I am proud to have been a Director and our four years serving together will forever remain in my heart.



He was a true friend. The dedication of the Adelup Complex in his honor is a deserving tribute to a great Chamorro who dedicated his life to the people of Guam.

Like other projects, the Governor conceived of the Adelup Complex and supervised its design, construction, and landscaping. He harnessed the resources of government to build it. Except for the super-structure, everything else at the complex was done by the government's construction battalion. He labored with his fellow public servants to transform Adelup into what it is today.

It was a privilege to work along side a man some called a dreamer. He actualized those dreams and gave his people great pride in hard work for the public good. His dreams gave us San Vitores Boulevard, the Umatac Bridge, the A.B. Wonpat International Terminal, Northern Area Health Center, mega-millions in highway rehabilitation, the Commonwealth Document ...

He set high standards and goals. I'm grateful to him for I know at times I didn't measure up, but he stood by, guided, and encouraged me to be steadfast. True to his commitments not to interfere with the management of Public Works, he molded me into a dedicated and loyal fellow public servant. And yes, there are no tomorrows, today is the time to get the work done.

The Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex memorializes a humble, responsive and kind public servant. It is a noble affirmation by his people of his leadership, honesty and integrity—we love you, Ricky. Our prayers are with you.

JOAQUIN P. PEREZ, COMMERCIAL PORT, GUAM POWER AUTHORITY

Working for Ricky Bordallo was an education in a man's love and devotion to a people, dedication to a purpose and commitment to a vision. Ricky's love and

devotion to the Chamorro people knew no limits, observed no bounds. His dedication to the quest for Chamorro ascendancy to a true political identity never wavered and his commitment to the highest quality of life for his people earned him distinction as a builder and visionary. Ricky's constancy to these principles will make his spirit live forever.

MRS. ROSITA R. SMITH-OWEN

During my tenure as Director for the Arts & Humanities, the best way to describe my working relationship with the governor was flexibility. The decision making process was a shared experience when needed. Otherwise, a great degree of latitude was afforded regarding matters concerning the Arts & Humanities.

One of his greatest attributes was the ability to select a cabinet that was consistently comprised of competent individuals who were reinforced with the Governor's complete trust.

His legacy of building for the future was maligned by some, but capitalized on by those who succeeded him. If I had to paraphrase Gov. Bordallo's life, I must quote Shakespeare: "the good is often interred with their bones."



VINCE A. LEON GUERRERO

February 1985. Hearing of the House Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Washington DC; Chairman Sidney Yates presiding. It was my first official trip to DC.

I had joined Governor Bordallo's staff only recently. There was a lot to do, but the Governor was presenting Guam's Capital project request in Washington in two weeks and I had to put it together. Having just come from BBMR, I pieced together some previous requests to produce the new one.

I was jet-lagged, and awestruck and didn't want to stick my head in the "mouth of the lion" trying to field questions from powerful Congressmen. At the hearing, I noticed Chairman Yates was relaxed and was munching popcorn. He was like anyone else, I thought. That

calmed me somewhat.

Guam's presentation came after American Samoa. After Gov. Bordallo delivered his testimony, Chairman Yates asked how water was delivered to the people if there was such a big problem with the water system. The Gov. turned and stabbed an emphatic finger toward me! He introduced me and said I would respond. I nervously gave an overview of the water situation and explained how the funding would rectify it. I described how the Navy was helping to transport water to critical areas by supplying us with "water buffaloes." All of a sudden, Chairman Yates interrupted and said, "With today's technology, you need water buffaloes to carry water?" The audience burst into laughter.

On the verge of panic, I looked around for help. I assumed Yates knew that water buffaloes was the common nickname for water tankers, but he thought I meant four-legged beasts of burden. With my heart racing I explained the situation. Crestfallen, I glanced at the Gov. Did I mess up? No reaction, his expression never changed. Chairman Yates acknowledged my answer, congratulated the Gov. on a convincing presentation, and assured us that he would recommend something be done.

After the hearing, I lagged behind the others in embarrassment. The Governor never said a word about my performance and I was afraid to ask. That evening he said he sensed that Yates was briefed by interior officials to be wary of requests for more funding. (Gov. Bordallo always described the yearly budget hearings as collection trips.) He wanted me to respond because he knew I would be viewed as the "new kid" — too new to do a credible snow job. That was a defining moment for me — I encountered the genius of the man. Gov. Bordallo believed in the youth of Guam. He was a risk taker. Best of all, he understood human nature. Thank you, Gov. Bordallo and Lt. Gov. Eddie Reyes, for believing in us, your young guys.





First gubernatorial race in 1971 - New Day - with running mate Richard Taitano.



First Lady Madeleine Bordallo, Mrs. Wayne Aspinall, U.S. Congressman Wayne Aspinall, Miss Guam World Deborah Bordallo and Governor Bordallo.



Senator Bordallo captured in this Newsweek photo taken at the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

VOTE



Ricardo J. Bordallo
(INDEPENDENT)

For CONGRESSMAN

GENERAL ELECTION — NOVEMBER 2, 1954

Will initiate or further promote Legislation for:

1. Financial aid towards a more effective promotion of the fishing industry.
2. New and better roads for the southern districts.
3. Greater care to our needy and aged.
4. Equal pay for equal work.
5. A more just and fair pro-rating of the Island's water and electric bill.
6. Additional facilities for crowded schools.
7. Expedition of Island power facilities for all villages.
8. Village street improvements.
9. Broader civil liberties including jury system.
10. A more effective and constructive handling of the juvenile delinquency problems.
11. A bonus or measure of acknowledgment for every local veteran with sixty or more days of combat duty.
12. Sounder appropriation policies to curtail waste of taxpayers' money.
13. An adequate and flexible hospital program (preventative and curative) consistent with our local economy and financial means.
14. Adequate fire protection for all villages.

SAFEGUARD OUR FREEDOM — VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

Ricky's first campaign poster.



Governor Bordallo and Lt. Governor Rudy Sablan with their sub-cabinet members.

...I Remember *Ricky*

JAMES G. SABLAN

I'd known the late Governor since 1976 having been appointed for the first time as a board member to the Guam Visitor's Bureau. My first and foremost impression of him was his strong leadership. His unique style marked the pinnacle of government, a milestone in the making of history on our island, not because of his striving to solidify our island's economy, but because he represented a leap from the old style of governance to the new.

His door was open to everyone. His personality was that of a down-to-earth individual. He always kept an open mind and adjusted to any level of conversation. Although he was governor, he was everyone's friend and honored his belief that everyone should be treated equally.

"A Working Man" was how many people would describe him. As a cabinet member (Deputy Director of the Guam Economic Development Authority

in 1982), I remember him to be a workaholic — he would start off many mornings with a wake up call to his cabinet members to provide us with our daily agenda. I remember many of his goals and visions to encourage, develop and stimulate the island's economy.

His work touched many lives. I remember well the vegetables and the trees he pruned side by side with farmers, a page right out of the program he created, "the Green Revolution."

"Commonwealth" was his prime goal.

Throughout the years I worked under him, primarily when I was appointed President of the Guam Housing Corporation, I was most impressed with his strong desire to assist those striving to achieve their lifelong dreams.

One cannot dispute his many



accomplishments. He was and always will be in many minds a strong leader. He deserves much more than an historical commemoration of his achievements and he will always be remembered much more than just a Governor. As we unite to dedicate Adelup, I salute the late Honorable Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo.

JOHN (EDDIE) ONEDERA

The Governor through his leadership and vision assisted the General Manager of Guam Power directly and indirectly in accomplishing his mission. GPA was indeed in big trouble during the late seventies for many reasons.

The Governor assisted GPA in convincing the US Congress to allow GPA to burn high sulfur fuel oil instead of the much more expensive low sulfur fuel oil. This averted what would have been a big rate increase.

May 1976 brought Typhoon Pamela. It took GPA 31 days to completely restore electric service to the island, however, the Governor never requested for any special restoration other than for the hospital, clinics and water wells. I am thankful that the Governor left the restoration of power in the hands of GPA.

During the late months of 1976, the Governor decided to assist GPA with its \$36 million dollar deficit caused by building two 66 Megawatt Power Plants, a double circuit 115,000 volt transmission line and two 115,000 volt substations. Two weeks in Washington DC with the Governor visiting the Secretaries of Interior, Treasury, FHA, OMB and Congressman Won-Pat finally got GPA a Federal Loan, thanks to the Governor.

JOHN T. PALOMO

My personal/working relationship with the late Governor Bordallo is one meaningful experience which has greatly enhanced both my career and individuality. I have learned a lot about human compassion, government, and good politics by working with the governor. I am honored to have been



given the opportunity to share his vision and ideals that in this society nothing is permanent except change, and that people helping people is the best hope for a better tomorrow.

In delegating his authority, the governor managed to highly motivate technical and specialized government employees to aspire for superior performance. His leadership style and communication skills helped win and build commitment, cooperation and better relationships with peers and others in the community. The governor's blueprint for productivity is evident.

This man never compromised his principles. His love for people in this community will linger on forever in the history of Guam.

JOSE A. CRISOSTOMO, FORMER DIRECTOR OF AHRD

If I were to characterize Ricky in simple terms, these are what I would use:

Ricky was a charismatic leader; Ricky was a man of vision; Ricky was a tremendously compassionate man; Ricky was proactive, not reactive.

Charismatic Leader: Ricky led by example and didn't require anything from his directors that he wouldn't do himself. He was so easy to follow.

Man of Vision: Ricky was always seeking ways to improve Guam's infrastructure and the human condition.

Compassionate Man: I was a member of the "bela" committee. He wanted us to go ahead of him and charged us to find out what the grieving family required at this time of need that the government could respond to. He required immediate response from us to people in need.

As a Director of the Agency of Human Resources & Development I can honestly say that Ricky never applied political pressure in any of the agency's activities. He gave me a free hand to manage the programs the way I saw fit according to federal and local regulations.





Former Speaker Joaquin Arriola, Governor Bordallo, former Congressman Antonio B. Won Pat and former Lt. Governor Rudy Sablan.



Governor Bordallo handing torch to Speaker Gutierrez.

Governor Bordallo proudly receives a t-shirt from the Chamorro Language Commission.



Commission on Self-Determination in Washington, D.C.



Second term swearing-in ceremony.

**FORMER SENATOR
DORIS F. BROOKS**

A hallmark of Ricky's style of government administration was his willingness to offer young people the opportunity to accept challenges. When he formed his first cabinet he called on Gene Ramsey to be his Chief of Staff, on BJ Cruz to be his legal counsel and on me to be the first woman Director of the Bureau of Budget and Management. We were all recent graduates who had had limited professional experience.

That did not deter the Governor from relying on us for advice and allowing us substantial latitude in managing our individual areas of responsibility. I will always be grateful to Governor Bordallo for having allowed me and others to serve our people in responsible and demanding roles so early in our careers.



BERT R. UNPINGCO

I had the honor and pleasure of serving as a Cabinet Member of Governor Bordallo's Administration as Guam's first tourism director.



I remember Governor Bordallo as a very compassionate person, a visionary, and a builder. He was a true pioneer of tourism for Guam. He understood it as a major source of income for the Territory and supported it with enthusiasm.

As Governor of Guam, Ricky was always ready, willing, and able to travel anywhere to promote tourism and to support the efforts of the Guam Visitors Bureau. Since 1974, his dream was to build Guam as a "World Class Destination," as we call it today. Had he lived, he would have accomplished it sooner. He was determined and aggressive when committed to a cause that would benefit the people of Guam.

As a former Cabinet Member, I am proud to have served with Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo.

ZENY C. CUSTODIO

I served as a cabinet member of

former Gov. Bordallo in different capacities, starting as Executive Director for the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education; Director of Labor; concurrently serving as board member of the Guam Visitors Bureau; and also as a member of the Advisory Committee of Gov. Bordallo.

He was a compassionate man, a man who understood the value of loyalty, service, dedication, and gratitude. For him, it was the whole essence of his life. His visions and dreams, which people at that time considered less important and impossible to accomplish, are now a living legacy for all of us and our grandchildren to remember.



The memories I have of him can be summed up in one incident in particular when he was in Washington, fighting for Commonwealth. In his opening statement, he said, "Give me life, give me liberty, or give me death."

ROY P. DUENAS

Governor Bordallo is without doubt the best Governor and leader Guam ever had. As the General Manager for the Port Authority of Guam under his leadership, he inspired me to attain higher levels of accomplishment. As a visionary, it was his idea to turn Agaña Marina and the Agat Marina project to the Port Authority of Guam due to the lack of funding. It was the only way Agaña Marina was rebuilt and Agat Marina became a reality after more than 10 years of planning. The construction and operation of the Agat Marina is a great contribution to the people of Guam.



Excerpts from a Dec. 7, 1986 letter to Gov. Bordallo from GLORIA B. NELSON, and IONE M. WOLF at the close of the 2nd administration.

As Director and Deputy Director of DOE, we have been greatly influenced by

your personal philosophy, ethics and values regarding the future development of our island. We have been inspired by your sincere and deep commitment to the development of human resources on Guam and throughout the Pacific region. We have been grateful for your support of educational needs and issues and we have felt humbled by your open and public confidence in our leadership team.

As we look back on the support you have afforded our school system, we are awed by its scope. From 6:30 a.m. meetings on the verandah of Government House to Saturdays at the Educational Festival and nites at individual school functions, from our doctoral students to our Celebration of Scholars, from the Blueprint for Excellence to our maintenance division workshops. You have always been there for our children, for our educators, for our support staff and for us.

It has been a privilege to work with you, Governor, and we wish to thank you for the opportunity. It has been an exciting four years. We have grown professionally and, without a doubt, all aspects of our educational systems have improved.

**FRANK N. LIZAMA,
RETIRED MAYOR OF
SINAJANA; FORMER
PRESIDENT OF THE
MAYORS' COUNCIL**



Everyone in politics looks for heroes. Ricky Bordallo was and remains a hero to many ... to our elders he was their hope for a redress of past injustices and optimism for a better tomorrow. To the young, Ricky was a paragon and paradigm ... a leader who demanded from his followers no more than what he himself was willing to give. To his colleagues and his antagonists, Ricky was the pinnacle of political competitiveness ... the zealous Democrat ... the consummate diplomat ... and the archetypal statesman. These made Ricky the great leader that he is.





Governor Bordallo and the First Lady have an audience with the Pope.



Governor Bordallo with former Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey.



Governor Bordallo with former Senator George McGovern at Government House.



Governor Bordallo and First Lady Madeleine Bordallo with former Philippine President Corazon Aquino.



Governor Bordallo with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England.

Governor Bordallo with former Speaker of the House, Tip O'Neill.

**FORMER SENATOR JOHN PEREZ
AGUON, DIRECTOR OF LAND
MANAGEMENT (1975-1978)**

What really stands out in my mind is that he tried to make things happen in spite of hard times. The economy was down and our revenue base was small. Even so, through my department we leased thousands of acres of government land for farming purposes via Land Use Permits. It was a tremendous high to see farms spring up everywhere, with families tilling the soil to supplement their income. It was a true "green revolution." He never expected any more from us than that we were honest, fair, and that we worked hard.

He was always looking out for the poor, and the elderly. When he came up with Guma Trankilidat, several planners objected. He told them, "The trouble with you planners is that many times you deal with abstractions. I deal with flesh and blood." The governor felt that our senior citizens deserved the same quality of life as the rest of our citizens.

**JUAN E. GARCIA, RETIRED
COMMISSIONER, AGANA HEIGHTS**

As a Commissioner during the Bordallo administration, I witnessed first hand the leadership qualities of Ricky Bordallo. He was a dynamic politician who possessed magnetic charisma. People naturally were attracted to his ideals. He was a dreamer before his time.

LINDA T. REYES

It has been more than twenty years since I first had the privilege of working for the late Honorable Ricardo J. Bordallo. As a staff member of the first administration, the Governor set such a hectic pace that it was nearly impossible to keep up with him. Ideas and visions were flowing from every fiber of his being all leading towards the public good evidenced by the public buildings and monuments erected under his direction. All this and more were accomplished in spite of an ongoing economic recession.

During his second term I served as the Folk Arts/Gallery Coordinator and

eventually took the helm of CAHA. With the Governor's guidance, the arts in Guam flourished to new heights. His commitment to remembering the past in order to build a sound future spurred a renaissance in local arts with particular emphasis in our rich cultural heritage, thus instilling a sense of pride once again on our island. I firmly believe that this was the late Governor's legacy and, in retrospect, it was indeed an honor and a privilege to have helped in some way to fulfill his dreams and to realize his goals. "NA'LA'LA' I TAOTAO TANO"

FRANK C. TORRES, JR.

My Friend, Ricky, saw our island home, Guam, as it was in the 60's - with no economy to speak of, and - with our island youth leaving for education and jobs that simply were not available here. And he had this magnificent vision of the Guam of the future - as it could be and should be.

Now most of us vehemently resist change. And what an uphill battle he waged as he constantly prodded, pushed, and dared us to share in his vision, and to live up to the vast potential that lies within each of us. Yes, Ricky gave us back our pride and our confidence: pride in our Guam home, and the self-confidence to know that every one of us has a role to play in the bright future of Guam. Thank you, my Friend.

JOE CRUZ

I was privileged to serve in the first and second terms of Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo's cabinet. He placed his trust in me for eight years, as I served as Deputy Director for the Department of Public Health and Social Services, and Deputy Director of the Department of Administration in the first term. In the second term, I served as Chief Officer for the Public Utility Agency of Guam.

The eight years under Gov. Bordallo inspired the work ethic I have embraced. He also strengthened my deep belief about being more compassionate to my fellow persons and about being a more

active manager. I had to be proactive. He expected that of his cabinet members. He called often - and at any time of the day, 24

hours a day, seven days a week, in order to discuss ideas and issues. He devoted 24 hours a day for the people of Guam. He was committed to carrying the island and her people forward.

Governor Bordallo was a man of many facets. He was a man of compassion, a man of vision and a man of the future. Gov. Bordallo was forward thinking, a builder, a confidante, a big brother, an extremely loyal member as well as leader of the Democratic party and a dreamer. Gov. Bordallo was also anachronism.

He was ahead of his time. He envisioned a highway in central Guam that would run north to south. He also envisioned the fourth gateway of the U.S. The east coast has its Statue of Liberty; the mid-west has the St. Louis Arch; the west - the Golden Gate Bridge. He envisioned the Latte of Freedom, a multi-cultural center, as the fourth gateway.

During my tenure at PUAG, we undertook a cost of service study for full cost recovery for water and sewer services. The study was done in 1986, an election year. The utility rate at the time didn't capture the full operating cost of water and sewer services. After reviewing the study, we recommended to stop the subsidy, and this was presented to the Governor. The proposal meant a hike in the water and sewer services. After Gov. Bordallo accepted the proposal, it was presented to and accepted by the Public Utilities Commission. The rate was implemented, but the Legislature canceled it, and took over the rate-making oversight for PUAG. The Legislature rolled back the rate.

You be the judge as to what would have happened if the Legislature had not done what it did in terms of the rate hike vis-a-vis recent chain of events on the matter as it affects the PUAG - now Guam Waterworks Authority.

He was a man ahead of his time.





Visiting with President Lyndon B. Johnson.



Presenting President Jimmy Carter The Guam Constitution are (L to R) Congressman A.B. Won Pat, Carl T.C. Gutierrez (President Guam Constitutional Convention) and Governor Bordallo.



Governor Bordallo, First Lady Madeleine Bordallo, First Lady Nancy Reagan, President Ronald Reagan, Lupe Reyes, Lt. Governor Eddie Reyes, Faye Carbuillido and Philip Carbuillido.

**CECILIA A.Q. MORRISON, FORMER
MAYOR, MUNICIPALITY OF UMATAC**

Governor Bordallo was highly instrumental in bringing to fruition most, if not all, of the infrastructure improvements to the municipality of Umatac. These include the Chalan Kanton Tasi Subdivision; GHURA low-cost housing; the Umatac Road Improvement Project; the Umatac Bridge Towers; and the boatramp project.

As a candidate for mayor, one of my platforms was to help villagers obtain titles to property under the Land for the Landless and other subdivision programs. In late 1986, Governor Bordallo's administration completed the deeds of conveyance which were presented to qualified occupants of homesteads. As a result, over 60% of those qualified under the land for the landless and subdivision programs are now enjoying their homes. To date, new home construction projects are continuing in what we now call Tract 3241 (Memorial Park/baseball field areas, NW San Dionisio Drive) and East Ginahet area.

More importantly, Governor Bordallo created conditions necessary for future achievement and improvement by bringing into harmony his vision and those of the grassroots. This does not mean that all went smoothly in my professional and personal relationship with the late Governor. For example, he openly disagreed with my position on an issue I had presented to the Supervisory Board of the Guam Criminal Justice State Planning Agency (GCJSPA). But even then, I believed we both understood that most achievements cannot be obtained without collaboration, no matter what the obstacles or differences.

Governor Bordallo always recognized the virtues and talents — hard work, faith, resourcefulness, intelligence — of the grassroots. Indeed, he amplified and

...I Remember
Ricky

personified the importance of the individual, the community, cooperation and teamwork. Whether we agreed or disagreed, I always walked away feeling I had contributed something.

On a personal note, my husband Gene and I will always treasure his encouragement and his support of my candidacy for senator in 1988. We miss his surprise weekend visits for a short "chat" when working around our yard.

**JAIME D.S. PAULINO, MAYOR OF
INARAJAN, 1980-1989**

I remember Governor Ricky J. Bordallo as a great and visionary leader. When we talked about the future of the island, Governor Bordallo always mentioned two things: improving the quality of life for the people and attaining Commonwealth status for Guam.

Governor Bordallo firmly believed that quality of life should always remain the number one priority for the island. Whenever I had the occasion to talk to him, he would ask about improvements that were needed in Inarajan and what he could do to help.

He felt that it was essential for Guam to gain Commonwealth status to ensure a prosperous future for our island. When Guam is finally granted Commonwealth status, I will think about Governor Bordallo and his vision for a better Guam.

**IGNACIO "BUCK" CRUZ,
MAYOR OF MERIZO**

Late Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo worked very closely with the village

Commissioners. He respected our positions as village leaders and valued our ideas and recommendations on how best to serve our respective communities. I remember a couple of times when we were having so many problems in Merizo with our water pump systems and road repair. He took time out from his busy office work, had his two Directors with him, and headed down to my village to see me personally. Within a few days the problems were corrected. As Commissioners, we best remembered him as a compassionate person, a builder, and above all, a leader who loved his people and island so dearly.

**GERALD S.A. PEREZ, DIRECTOR OF
BBMR**

The three things I most remember about Governor "Ricky" Bordallo are his captivating personality, his enormous capacity to verbalize visions about which he had strong conviction, and the emotion that he can bring to both.

**HENRY M. CRUZ, DIRECTOR OF
COMMERCE (1984-1986)**

Governor Bordallo possessed a sixth sense that often helped him manage relationships with people from all walks. RJB would know if a person was genuine or perfunctory seconds after their encounter with him. He was usually on the mark.

As a political leader, his vision was far beyond that of the typical politician and other elected leaders of his era. For this reason, he was often misunderstood or viewed as eccentric. To some of us, however, he was simply in a league of his own.

Many of us who have had the opportunity to work with Governor

Bordallo believe that he raised Guam's politics to the level where it is today. In any of the island's current campaign affairs, you will see Ricky's imprint all over the place.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS OF GOVERNOR RICARDO J. BORDALLO

Sinajana Urban Renewal
Sinajana Low Rent Housing
Yona Urban Renewal
Yona Low Rent Housing
Piti Low Rent Housing
Asan Urban Renewal, Phase I
Adelup Complex Renovation
New Airport Groundbreaking
Guma Trankilidat
Harbor of Refuge, Cabras Island
Farmer's Market
Sagan Dinaña
Green Revolution
Island-wide Highway Expansion
Northern Region Public Health Center
Southern Region Community Health Center
Ypao Pavilion/Amphitheatre
Agana Sewer Treatment Plant
Dededo Low Cost, Elderly Housing & Astumbo (GHURA's 82 & 35)
Talofofo Low Cost & Elderly Housing (GHURA's 82 & 28)
Merizo Low Cost (GHURA 82)
Agat Low Cost (GHURA 82 & 99)
Agat Marina
Draft Guam Commonwealth Act
Land for the Landless Program
Neighborhood Patrol
Umatac Bridge
Government House/Civil Defense Complex
San Vitores Road Expansion
Agat-Umatac Highway Expansion
Tamuning, Dededo & Yona Community Centers
Recreational Facilities, such as baseball fields, tennis courts, multipurpose courts in
various villages around the island.

RICARDO JEROME

Born in Agana on December 11, 1927, Ricardo Jerome Bordallo was the third of the sixteen children born to Josefina Pangelinan Torres, a gifted musician, and Baltazar Jeronimo Bordallo, an enterprising businessman and pioneering island statesman. From his parents, Ricky Bordallo learned a love and appreciation of music, a keen instinct for business, and a profound sense of duty to his community. Until his death on January 31, 1990, Ricky devoted his life to serving the people of Guam. His deep love for the people and for the island was reflected in all his efforts on their behalf.

Ricky Bordallo attended the Guam Institute until 1940. He then went on to George Washington High School, but his schooling was interrupted by the invasion and occupation of Guam in 1941. Guam's three years of enemy rule so deeply affected Ricky that he felt it his lifelong responsibility to protect and defend the people of Guam.

After the war, Ricky completed high school and graduated in 1947. With money he earned himself, he traveled to California



and enrolled at the University of San Francisco, a renowned Jesuit school. More than anything, Ricky wanted to be like his father, a successful businessman and statesman. At USF, he worked toward a business degree, but in his senior year he decided that he wanted to go into business, not just study it. He returned to Guam in 1950 and went to work for Bordallo Consolidated, owned and operated by his father, B.J., and his uncle, A.T. Bordallo, until he earned enough to venture out on his own.

In 1952, at age 24, Ricky Bordallo stirred controversy and made a bit of history by becoming the youngest candidate certified to run for a

seat in the newly created Guam Legislature. He argued successfully that if he was elected he would turn 25, the legal age to hold public office, before inauguration day. He did not win the election and ran again in 1954.

In 1953, Ricky married Madeleine Mary Zeien, the daughter of George Washington High School's first postwar principal, Christian Zeien. The Bordillos have one daughter, Deborah, and a granddaughter, Nicole. With Ricky's encouragement, Madeleine ran for office in 1980 and in 1987. She was a member of the 16th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd legislatures. She is now the lieutenant governor of Guam, having been elected in 1994.

Ricky's first election victory came in 1956, the same year in which he established Ricky's Auto Company and became Toyota's first American distributor. Over the next fourteen years, Ricky Bordallo would win re-election seven times and serve in the 4th through 10th Guam Legislatures, and Ricky's Auto Company would grow into Ricky's

BORDALLO: 1927-1990

Enterprises, a \$25 million conglomerate.

During his legislative career, Ricky championed the creation of the Guam delegate to Washington seat and elective governorship for Guam, among others. He also spearheaded the affiliation of the Popular Party of Guam with the National Democratic Party and served as the last chairman of the Popular Party and the first chairman of the new Democratic Party of Guam in 1960. He served as party chair again in 1971.

In 1970, after enactment of the 1968 Elective Governorship Act, Ricky Bordallo and Senator Richard F. Taitano won the Democratic nomination for governor and lieutenant governor for Guam's first gubernatorial election. In 1974, with Rudolph G. Sablan as his running mate, Ricky Bordallo was elected Governor of Guam. He ran for re-election with new running mate Dr. Pedro Sanchez in 1978 but was unsuccessful. With Edward D. Reyes as running mate, Ricky won the governorship again in 1982, becoming the first person in Guam's political history to win a

second term as governor. Ricky did not win re-election in 1986. Despite federal indictments which led to his conviction in 1987, Ricky did not abandon his service to the people of Guam. He actively campaigned for approval of the Draft Guam Commonwealth Act and against poker machines and casino gambling in Guam.

Gov. Bordallo maintained his innocence throughout his trial. In August 1989, the appeals court reversed all but two of the ten counts against him. He died five months later.

Ricky Bordallo's contributions to the people of Guam and to the Territory are immeasurable. Many of his capital projects - Government House, the



Emergency Operations Center, Sagan Dinaña, the second Guam International Airport building, the Northern Area Health Center, and the Adelup Executive Chambers - have become landmarks; others - like village playgrounds, parks, recreational facilities and highway improvements, such as the San Vitores Road expansion - go unnoticed as they continue to serve the public. Whether large or small, all of Ricky's projects reflect his kindness and generosity, his warmth and admiration of beauty, and his love for the people of Guam.

Admired by many and criticized by some as a dreamer, a visionary, a consummate politician, and a master orator, Ricky was proudest of his role as simple farmer, a planter of fertile seeds. Perhaps his greatest gift to the Territory is development of young talent. Ricky believed in young people, in their ideas and enthusiasm, in their desire to serve the community, and in their ability to rise to the challenge to do so. Today there are many in leadership positions who proudly acknowledge Ricky Bordallo as their mentor and inspiration.

RICARDO J. BORDALLO GOVERNOR'S COMPLEX

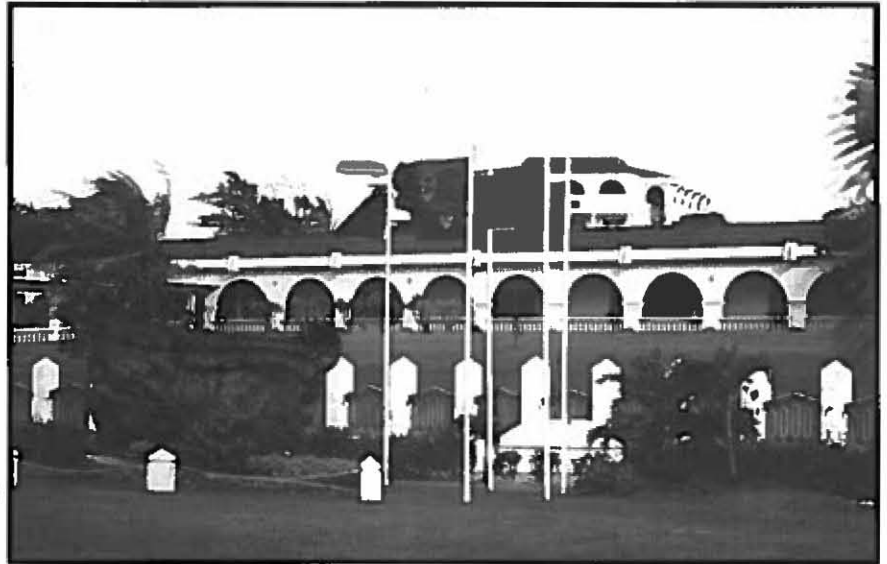
Public Law 23-116 enacted into law designated the Adelup Complex to "hereafter be known as the 'Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex'." Introduced as Bill No. 29 by Senators Vicente C. Pangelinan, Ted S. Nelson, Sonny L. Orsini, and all other members of the 23rd Guam Legislature, this honor bestowed on Governor Bordallo was signed into law by Governor Carl T. C. Gutierrez on July 29, 1996.

Governor Bordallo is known for bringing his dreams to reality as demonstrated in the numerous islandwide projects which have been attributed to him. His love for his people was the driving force of his efforts in seeking the best for our island, from his work on the People's choice for Commonwealth, to the abundance of beautification and capital improvement projects that reveal his legacy.

The renovation of the Adelup Complex is one such project which he personally directed and guided, single-handedly moving many of the boulders which are in place today. The rejuvenation of the old Adelup Elementary School has greater significance than most today can fathom. *Adilloc* means to bend and scan the ocean for fish, and our fishermen forefathers used the Adelup Point promontory for that purpose. Governor Bordallo saw Adelup as the point from which the people of Guam, with much pride and enthusiasm, would launch their quest for a final political status, as well as the cultural resurgence which will firmly establish their political and social identity in the world community.

A historical perspective on the many names of *Adilloc* is noted from the changing of hands since 1898 when Guam became a U.S. territory and the more recent titles are described. Having undergone three colonial powers the site has reflected influences of the Spanish, the Japanese and the American. During the Spanish era, the point was referred to as *Puntan Aniti* which was changed according to the chronicles as it passed through the hands of Congregational missionaries who then designated the area as "Missionary Point." The property was then sold and resold, at one point becoming the property of the Atkins Kroll Company, and later transformed into the residence of Naval Governor Shapely who christened it "Siesta Point."

With the outbreak of World War II, the Japanese built gunneries at the site, albeit being overtaken by the U.S. Third Marine Division during the liberation of Guam. This staking by



Commander Marianas led to the construction of Quonsets for the naval command, one such structure becoming the initial "Officers Club" built by the Seabees. With time and the establishment of bases throughout Guam, the Quonsets were turned into the Adelup Point Elementary School. In 1952 the concrete structure of the Adelup Point Elementary was designed by Richard Neutra and Robert Alexander to include 24 classrooms, an open-air cafeteria, a library, and principal's office taking into account the environmental factors to allow for a good educational setting. However, it was some of these same factors which led to the eroding of the school facility resulting in the closure of the school.

After some time had lapsed, and during his second term in office, Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo surveyed the school site and transformed the complex into the offices of the Governor. The renovations changed the dilapidated structure into the facility as we know it today, returning it to the People of Guam by housing the Executive Offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Mayors Council, the Bureau of Budget and Management Research, and the Bureau of Planning. And while the complex has its own requirements for maintenance, its function is well established as our seat of government for the Island of Guam.

Perhaps the extensive protruding finger coral reef taunted the fishermen of the past to call the point *Adilloc* and served as the foundation of Ricky's vision of an impressive edifice to be shared with everyone, one which not only enhances the natural beauty of Guam but is the manifestation of the strength and fortitude of her people and their political ascendancy . . . presented as the halls of the highest office for our island — y Ufisinan Maga 'Lahe.

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O BEAUTIFUL ADELUP

O Beautiful Adelup, I can still remember when
You were very unattractive and you weren't noticed then.

You had fallen into dark times and were really in deep disgrace
for you were only being used as DOE's storage place.

People have forgotten that you have had some glorious years,
as major events took place there and in you were shed happy tears.

For on your ground and on your point was where the Guam flag was first flown,
watched by many children, who now are physically grown.

For many, many children once roamed your hallowed hallways,
as they tried to absorb knowledge to sustain them all their days.

Boisterous politicians too, within your walls debated,
while the milder politicians sat around and meditated.

But the story goes back even further, as you were a command center
for the Navy's high officials and you were Guam's thermometer.

But then old age overcame you, you became dilapidated,
DOE then had to close you, for you were pronounced outdated.

So there you stood in shadows, an ugly shape upon the shore,
until a man of vision saw splendor and beauty in you once more.

That man was Governor Ricky Bordallo, who saw the waste taking place,
and for Guam's pride and dignity, he decided to change your face.

He then placed to go one better, a plan thought out and not from whim,
you were to become his office, where people could visit him.

The old office in Agana was not easily accessible,
it was a real frustrating place, for all the able and disabled.

To visit the Governor then, visitors had to walk up two floors,
then await him in a small box stuffed with other visitors.

Parking was horrendous, a feat which made men mad,
as it was almost non-existent to say the least as it was bad.

For this exceptional action, "Builder Bordallo" was chastised,
men were strong to persecute him, when he should have been idolized.

It's true others could have changed you, but they would have spent quite a lot,
your true grandeur will not show, they don't have what Bordallo's got.

That story has now changed, now all that people have to do,
is see the things around your grounds that beckons them to come to you.

But there is sadness still to tell for you now lost your lover's touch,
you will never fully blossom, unless you can be loved as much.

You were meant to be a showcase, that will make all Guamanians proud,
they would have acclaimed your splendor, shouting it to the world real loud.

You were to have been the symbol of Chamorro dignity,
scathed but yet still standing tall, people would have been proud to see.

We now can only hope and pray. You will be well cared for at best,
and continue to delight guests, when they come within your breast.

by Frederick B. Quinene (Feb. 4, 1988)

