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The Department of National Defense has again received reports that there are persons claiming to be or using the name of **Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin** or a member of his staff, soliciting financial assistance or donations for victims of Super Typhoon Yolanda. We have also received reports that there are persons asking for “facilitation” fees for whatever services in the affected areas.

We would like to inform the public that Secretary Gazmin, or any member of his staff, **DOES NOT** solicit donations for calamity victims or for any fund raising activity. There are **NO FEES** of any form whatsoever being asked in exchange for services in the affected areas. We would like to warn the public to be vigilant and not fall to this *modus operandi* by unscrupulous individuals using Secretary Gazmin’s name or any member of his staff.

If you have been contacted by any individual or group claiming to be or using the name of Defense Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin, or any member of his staff, please report this to the **Office of the Secretary, Department of National Defense** at telephone number **911-1746** or **982-5638**.

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