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DR. AURELIO SOLVER AGCAOILI, Ph.D., et al.

University of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Dr. Agcaoili et al.:

This refers to your letter dated July 4, 2009 addressed to the undersigned claiming that Mr. Ric A. Agnes, a columnist of Bannawag Magazine, has written and published defamatory and maligning write-ups against several Ilokano writers.

Since our main and specific concern here is Bannawag Magazine which falls under the jurisdiction of Manila Bulletin Publishing Corporation, may I request you to pinpoint any of the articles written by Mr. Agnes specifically in his weekly column "Kastoy, Kapid, Ditoy Hawaii" (sample copies attached) which defamed or maligned any Ilokano writer so we can take necessary actions.

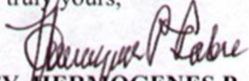
May we, also, request you to specify any writer maligned by Mr. Agnes in Bannawag Magazine.

On the other hand, since you are based in Hawaii, we are offering you, in the spirit of camaraderie, to alternately maintain the column which bears the same title, "Kastoy, Kapid, Ditoy Hawaii" with Mr. Ric Agnes. You will handle the column for one month while Ric Agnes will handle the same column for another month and so on.

The undersigned wishes to receive your reply within 15 days upon receipt of this letter so that we can make necessary adjustments.

Rest assured, Bannawag Magazine will always abide with the ethics of journalism, sense of justice and fair play.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. HERMOGENES P. POBRE
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