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**MEDIA INTERVIEW BY PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR. DURING HIS
DEPARTURE FOR HIS STATE VISIT TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**

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Q: Sir, what can you say about po doon sa statement ni President Duterte last night sa drugs, people's initiative, and urging you to resign?

PRESIDENT MARCOS: I think it's the Fentanyl. Fentanyl is the strongest pain killer that you can buy. It is highly addictive and it has very serious side effects, and PRRD has been taking the drug for a very long time now. When was the last time he told us that he was taking Fentanyl? Mga five, six years ago, something like that.

After five, six years, it has to affect him kaya palagay ko, kaya nagkakaganyan. So, you know, I hope his doctors take better care of him than this – hindi pinababayaan itong mga nagiging problema.

Q: Sir, can you categorically deny that you're involved in drugs para matapos na ang lahat?

PRESIDENT MARCOS: *[Laughter]* I won't even dignify...

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