

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL
MANILA

FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R.
MARCOS, JR.,

Protestant,

- versus -

MARIA LEONOR "LENI DAANG
MATUWID" G. ROBREDO,

Protestee.

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PET Case No. 005
FOR: Election Protest
Vice President

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

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**VERIFIED ANSWER WITH
SPECIAL AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES AND
COUNTER-PROTEST**

PROTESTEE **MARIA LEONOR G. ROBREDO**, by the undersigned counsel, in compliance with the *Summons* dated 12 July 2016¹, submits her *Verified Answer with Special and Affirmative Defenses and Counter-Protest* to this Honorable Tribunal and respectfully states:

PREFATORY

*"The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.
An evil soul producing holy witness
Is like a villain with a smiling cheek,
A goodly apple rotten at the heart.
O, what a goodly outside falsehood hath!"*
- Antonio in **"The Merchant of Venice,"**
William Shakespeare

The prospect of defeat is a reality that all political candidates who stand for election must learn to accept—for as the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos was quoted to

¹ Copy of which was received on 02 August 2016. Under the *Summons*, protestee Robredo is directed to file her Answer within a period of ten (10) days from 02 August 2016 or until 13 August 2016. However, the last day falls on a Saturday. Hence, this Answer is being filed on the next working day.

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