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This study has uncovered certain information and insights about the Bangsa Moro. The writer hopes that readers will not be so discouraged by the imperfections and shortcomings of this study that they lose sight of the basic truth, and the good cause, which this study seeks to serve. It is hoped that this study will contribute a little toward better understanding and a closer partnership among Maguindanaon, Maranao, Sama, Tausug and other Bangsa Moro Muslim groups.

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