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Mrs. Asnew left this morning to join VP Asnew at Taipei. Meldy had breakfast with her - 7:30 - she was not awake so she (Meldy) waited for 8:30 a.m.

Last Dec. 29, 1969 when I was playing golf two sausage win-rotor engine Navy (US) helicopters for VP Asnew landed at the golf course and obstructed the whole fairway. When we asked that they move a little to the side so we could play through they did not bother but said we could go right ahead and hit the helicopters with our balls. Typical younger generation comment on this was Imee's (Yabang ng mga Kano).

Ordered protection for the nine teachers of Batanes testifying about terrorism, a public hearing on the Nawasa rates like Comera (BIR) to study a years amnesty for untaxed incomes voluntarily disclosed. In Ising's party I asked Charlie Medesma, President of the Sugar Planters, to bring the planters to the palace on the 14th so I could convince them to pay the

sacadas the minimum wage. Also ordered Gen. Yan to implement my original order to retrain the special forces and use them in Central Luzon as a unit.

The children and Meldy had a crying bee on their not attending the Ising party (after lunch) at the dining table in our bedroom where we had a frank grievance session.

Ka Erdy's birthday party at 8:30 p.m. after golf with Anante Bisornia and Maning Salak. The achievement of the... page 4

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