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Veterans Memorial Hospital

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Imelda is strong enough to play host to her crowd nightly. We have just eaten Chinese Jugo and lumpia brought in by Joe and Betty Campos. I liked most the lays or powdered beef tapa and the seaweed for the lumpia. It is now 11:00 PM - last night we went to bed at 11:30 PM. Read De Vailles' ^{war} memoirs up to 1:30 PM after writing my diary.

I must soon write my war memoirs while the events are still fresh in my mind.

Met with the fiscal policy committee at 8:00 AM here in the hospital and gave instructions to Con Sycharo and Gov. Searos to reconcile the figures on government deficits. The Central Bank has the figures at P. 1 billion cash deficit. Con Sycharo says the cash deficit is only P. 500 million with savings of P. 283 million.

I also ordered Gov. Searos to get down in a formal aide memoire to be handed to the IMF committee our position that we will not agree to a devaluation and will take any measures short of it; - and to include the stabilization measures we have adopted including the ^{allowance of} establishment of dollar accounts in Philippine banks with ~~P.~~ 100% dollar backing and to allow hotels to keep 25% of their dollar earnings because right now the dollar earnings of hotels has gone down to zero.

I met with Jimmy Montelibano, who was brought to Pangasinan by Bobby Benedicto. He has just recovered from the flu which is all over Europe and Asia.

We must now develop rural electrification under the new law passed last year, and schools of Arts and Trades. The British Ambassador who came to say goodbye also seems to agree that will bring about development faster.

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Incidentally Col. Var reports to me that Perry Adevoso the mastermind of the assassination and military take over of the government informed the conferees of the Junta in their meeting at the house of Commodore Clearing that the Vice President or the Lopez group has its own liquidation plot for me. I must look into this more deeply. I intend to have the BEA cases filed against Adevoso and Manuel Acampora's operations war to keep them occupied. But at the same time we must obtain evidence for the filing of a case of conspiracy to commit treason. Apparently included in the plot is Col. Patterson, the US Embassy military attaché. Perry Adevoso said that he spoke to Ambassador Byrde about their plot and while the Ambassador was asleep - my note he said that if he (Adevoso) had anything to ask him, he (Adevoso) should talk to Patterson. Adevoso said that it was Patterson who suggested that Ayala and Payson Bridges should be blown up so as to isolate Malacanang Palace during the attack. Included in the plot are Alexey, David Polayo, Capt Acosta of the Navy. Their target date is June or July this year.