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23 This is actually being written at 8:30 A In Mar.
at the Mirador Retreat House. I could not write it
last night as my papers including my diary had been left
behind at the Mansion when we checked into the retreat house.

With me in retreat are Ramon Cajunages, Daniel
Vaquez, Vincent Recto, Mansueto Peralta, Pepe Alodan, Gene
Tansico, Francisco Rabat, Benny Tantalos, Mundy Feliciano,
Chito del Castillo, Col. Fabian Ver, Capt. Jerry

I come into retreat with my prayer that
God give ^{the grace of} strength and insight so that I may save
my people from suffering; that I may not decide in anger
what has to be decided but that I may not hesitate in
doubts and irresolution when the decision has to be taken;
that I may have the grace of patience and understanding.

Played golf at the Mission golf course. 11:30-1:00
after arrival.

PMA graduation exercises where I predicted that
the military confrontation with Communism is inevitable.
(Incidentally, Chino Roces headlines this with "Inevitable wars
of martial law" in the Manila Times) Last Saturday when
I persisted in asking about the information that he has on
Communist plans, after stating that I underestimate the Com-
munist strength and that they would strike this year or next
he asked me to assign a good intelligence officer to go to
Hongkong and get the information from Peking contacts giving
the impression that the activities of the radicals in the
Philippines are planned and ordered from Peking.

Met with Joe and Ralph Friday night. Convinced Joe to
update his diary and to have a copy of his handwriting when a
raid with search warrant seized his diary with which he is
connected with the others who will also be searched and arrested simultaneously.