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of the Philippines

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12:00 PM -

I have just talked to Joe Mariotela who is our  
informant in the Adewaso group planning a coup d'état.  
He feels the plan, though fantastic, is serious. Their  
next meeting is at his house in Antipolo next Wednesday.  
And the political group backing them up may attend.  
He feels they have not yet talked to or gotten the  
support of Gen. Dela and Tanaka but that Adewaso  
and Sanchez said "kasama natin yan".  
He attends a breakfast with Gen. Dela tomorrow

at 7:30 AM.

A Col. Javaro now in Vietnam who may be  
in the CIA and Col. Francisco Jeneroy as well as  
Castillo (Annapolis 1935) are with them.  
He and Col. Ver have already planned the  
planting of some more officers and men in the Adewaso  
group.

Adewaso says that my erstwhile opponent and  
he want to see Byroade after the elections. While Byroade  
was apparently non-committal he allowed Adewaso  
to talk to his staff who (Adewaso says) thought of  
the idea of a coup d'état. Patterson DOD attache  
suggesting that in order to cut off Malacañan from  
reinforcements, the three bridges, Puzon bridge, Nagtahan  
bridge and Ayala bridge be blown up.  
Col. Francisco Jeneroy, car was in Commodore  
Alcaraz residence, although he (Jeneroy) was not there.  
Jeneroy is one of the Valeriano boys. This is a new wrinkle.

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and Col. Ver of the Philippines

Joe suggested that we meet force with force and that the conspirators be eliminated quietly before they prejudice our country and democratic institutions. I told them that instead we should obtain evidence to prosecute them in court.

For otherwise we may unleash a wave of violence we may not be able to control and do greater damage to our freedoms.