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4:00 PM - still very quiet. The Kabataang Makabayan has been able to muster only about a hundred demonstrators before Malacañang. To cover up their inadequate number, they have gone to Congress where the KASAP under Japzon and the KSL have a more impressive number. Ollera has alerted Margaritano. There is a congressional hearing at 3:00 PM. At six o'clock the leaders come to Malacañang for a conference.

I continued the dialogue with the students - this time from CFSU, with the various student leaders like Jose Tyson, this morning.

1:00 AM Jan 31st - The Ina-Mass and Dante Kabatagan Makabayan are leading the rioting outside. The riot is still going on but the Petrocom under Col. Arce and Aguilar after reinforcement by one company of the PC under Gen. Raval arrived have pushed up to Jendola near San Beda where the MPD were held in reserve. I hear shooting and I am told that the MPD have been firing in the air.

The rioters have been able to breach the Gate 4 and I had difficulty to stop the guards from shooting the rioters down. Especially so when Gate 3 was threatened. I received a call from May Ramos for permission to fire and my answer was "Permission granted to fire your water hoses!" So no shooting inside the Malacañang compound. Otherwise it would have been a massacre.