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Report of 500 ^{Philippine} ~~Philippine~~
Pilgrims

1:30 AM

Everything has returned to normalcy. But I feel that the HMB's with Dante and Henry master-minding them are planning some sabotage.

Talked to Engr. Rodolfo Gonzon and Ex-Rep Rasdial Sucman and his wife Princesa Tarbata.

I have asked Rodolfo Gonzon ^{to infiltrate the LP} to see if Lopez, Saural and Osmeña have agreed on an XPR LP ticket in 1973. Osmeña wants to run again and Roy Saural may be his vice. But of course Jerry Roxas and Junby Aquino want to run as President.

And Sucman I asked to keep peace in Iloilo and to placate the Liberals.

Boni Jay, Joe Suchban and Johnny Eduvare ran me. They told me of Joe Mariastela and of Ex-Sen Estanislao Hernandez urging the students to attack at Mandiola and plying them with whiskey from a jeep without any funds and loaded with whiskey bottles.

I hope to see Rep Salpida Pundatun, brother-in-law of Ex-Gov. Udtey Matibay, leader of the Masbani Independence Movement, tomorrow. As well as Ex-Sen Donceso Abanto and Ex-Gov. Abanto.

We are building pill boxes at the gates and mortar defenses including baffled walls for my gymnasium where we can seek shelter in case of mortar attack.

We have cleared the lawn west of the veranda and ceremonial hall for a helicopter landing this side of the Palace complete with night landing lights.

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We are preparing anti-subversion cases against Aronda and the leaders of the Kabataan Makabayan.

I feel that ultimately we must have a confrontation with the communists in this country. And that their eradication as a threat to our free way of life may be one of our main missions. It is true that if we can keep on delaying and delaying their take-off and cut off their momentum we will ultimately win, but it will be a messy and tedious job. Now we have an opportunity - perhaps the only opportunity to liquidate the movement in one clean sweep - if we plan it well enough.

Thus if there is massive subterfuge and an attempt against my life, then I might be compelled to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus and arrest all the persons in the list of communists,

This will be the total solution to the ideological impasse.