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Malacananang

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9:40 PM

I write this as I wait for a visitor who will inform us of all the conspiracy going on behind the Liberal Party. Osmeña has just delivered a grudge speech in the senate denying his connection with the demonstrations and the riots and rebasing his charges about the elections.

Mellon testifying before the Senate-House Joint Committee should about this claim to pieces. Jimenez Barbero has asked for an opportunity to present his part Wednesday at 9:00 AM. (by the first time since Jan. 30, 1970)

Went out of the Palace to attend the 3rd Anniversary of the Phil. Navy set at 9:00 AM. Stayed until 11:00 AM. Considered the new 25-foot 87-ft patrol craft made in Singapore. Our Navy will duplicate it. We have a 100-ft ferro-

concrete fishing boat in the making. Was gratified to see the people waving at me and clapping their hands. The public sympathy has returned to us since the attack on the Palace on Jan. 30th.

Apparently, the crisis is over — unless the Feb. 12th rallies turn into violent riots, God forbid.

The whole family was in Scout uniform at the 5:00 o'clock investiture of Imelda and the opening ceremonies of the preparation for the 50th Anniversary of Scouting in 1973. Conferred with the two Cardinals, Santos and Rosales, on the Jesuits and bishops propagating radical ideas — like Father Ostry, Murphy (Tom) and Blanco as well as the seven bishops who sent the open letter.

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Even the student leaders are divided. They seem to be in a state of confusion. Tonight 25 students from the UP have seen the First Lady. Uncivil, arrogant but uninformed, naive and confused. I see the KM and labor leaders with

Blas Ople tomorrow at 5:00 PM. But the HUSP is following the script of making demands which I am supposed to grant - to strengthen their hand. And they are supposed to picket Malacañang tomorrow.

Even if the demonstrations should turn violent because the latest intelligence is that Commander Dante is supposed to be collecting hand guns in Compostela and supposedly in the province of Tarlac, for use in Manila, it would still be favorable to us for the people are against violence - especially if it is against Malacañang Palace.

We must recast the plans for a total solution of the communist problem. We must prepare for a long, tedious legal fight with the military stopping up the drive in Central Luzon and harassing raids in Iloilo, Calocan and Paranaque where the HMBs and the Mass' hubs in when they escape from the PC raids in Central Luzon.

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Don. Searos sent a message through Abby
Pandocto who is agreed to going out on leave from the
Presidency of the PAB, that this mission is a complete
success.

We will get the third tranche of \$27.5
million \$40 m from our gold \$40 from the Federal
Reserve Bank and \$120 million from the consortium
of banks plus a five year extension of our debts.
If we can get \$100m from Japan, we will have all
we need.

From all I am asking for is to be allowed
to start working -