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Intelligence funds transferred to my office in 1969-1970 is supposed to total P34.6 m but most of this was transferred to Congress for the expenditure of congressmen's offices. And I am held liable for this. In the breakfast with Sen. Aytona and Cong. Jose Alberto chairman of the Senate and House Ways and Means I asked that the Congress now assume responsibility for their expenses. And I asked the inclusion of contingency funds in the unprogrammed budget for any emergency. The areas of contingency would be AFP, National Emergency Plans, National Calamities, Health, Labor. Information would be included in National Emergency Plans. I convinced them of the danger by calling attention to the training camps of subversives in their areas.

Then I had a conference with the labor leader and congressional members on the minimum wage to establish a dialogue to prevent a strike.

Caught a cold but had lunch with Sec. Ponce Encile and Eddie Ramos on the need to strengthen our hold on the Aray. Gen. Sieto may have to be sent on a mission to the U.S. and the Camp Bonifacio commander, Col. Patenciano to "Deputy Commander of the 1st Brigade."

Gen. Zepeda should take the place of Col. Pineson as Deputy Chief and ultimately to command if the need arises.