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I have the highest hopes for the Magalang Project to raise the standard of living of the peasants in Central Luzon. I will build infrastructure for them with the veterans of PAF-CAG. I will protect them with the Home Defense Forces. This is the secret to peace and order in Central Luzon — the villagers defending their own homes. I understand from Liberal Congressman — about Sanga of the 2nd district of Pangasinan 3/4 of the legal cadres in Pangasinan have been driven away by the HDP units converging along. The villagers driven into the communist area.

I shall spread this idea all over the Philippines and into the cities by encouraging first the registration of guns than the training of the men who carry or possess them. Then defense for each block or building in a city can be built up by the Week-End Soldier concept.

Tomorrow I will start his Talunggan project in Tondo. It is job, housing, food and medicine. I have given the people the land titles. But we make them work for these and help themselves. This is also a pilot project for slums and depressed areas.

Just a little hope for those in despair and we have the communists running.

But yesterday I stood firm on the jeepney driver's strike and ordered the Metrocom to arrest any of the drivers violating the law and the strikers back to work. There was no violence and no disruption of transportation.

Today I had lunch with Ka Eddie Durazo after I settled the B515 demonstration. Received plenty of intelligence from the most unlikely sources.