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Friday

Today is a day of crucial decisions. Not only [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] last day for filing the certificate of candidacy for the April 7 election but now I shall remember it as the day the American government tried to pressure me to change the National Security Council decision on the release of [illegible] Aquino to campaign and to allow the [illegible] of an opposition paper like the [illegible] of [illegible] P [illegible]. 1

[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] Minority [illegible] Staff [illegible] House of Representatives, [illegible] [illegible] stayed [illegible] to tell me that he has been called for consultations [illegible] U.S. [illegible] on the [illegible] of U.S. property on the military bases [illegible] the [illegible] of U.S. [illegible] [illegible] then [illegible] IF [illegible] 1 and 2 [illegible] image [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] explained that a decision has been made [illegible] the National Security Council [illegible] to change the [illegible] of the military [illegible] the [illegible] with the opposition [illegible] that there is no way to [illegible] and the [illegible] establishment [illegible] government leaders [illegible] Aquino [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] credibility [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Aquino [illegible]