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Have just finished a conference with SMO, J-2, 1st PC Zone Commander and his S-2 Col. Tomas Dugay, on an assessment.

All the present books on counter-subversion and counter insurgency do not deal with our peculiar problem that is distinguished by a highly sophisticated use by the subversives of media, the schools, the church, labor, peasants and even industrialists in a massive scale. This is not just the 1950 struggle, it is more insidious and perhaps more pervasive. The same objective, the same motivation but more finesse, more articulate eloquence, more propaganda, more intellectuals, more open activism in front organizations — but less arms. This may be Marxist but it is not based on the Marxist doctrine of the rural areas being the base or the peasants and not the proletariat as the men of the revolution.

So the counter-action must equally be more sophisticated.

Traditionally the peasants while shown the strength of the Armed Forces, must be given an alternative to communism. In 1950 this was the Edcar and the resettlement projects and some government reforms. Today it is the Magalang Agricultural Community Development Project, Tulinagan and the ^{Integrated} Rural Welfare Program, economic development, CIR and CAR renovations, mobile courts and land reform.

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Just came from the dinner of Ronnie and
Sinde Velasco at their home in Daomartinas, sang the
old songs, Red Sails in the Sunset, Balahika,
Goodnight, Sweetheart etc.
Alex Malchor and his parlour games. The
rope trick and the blanket.

I have ordered Mafate as the pilot area
for the registration of firearms and the organization
of week end warriors.

De Leon, who reported the death of
three of his companions ^{two from Central Luzon,}
on the way to the training camp ^(drawn in the reports)
was subjected by someone ^{with a gun} and security
group to questioning and lie detector test. Someone
may have finally cleared but he is being sent to
Jail. He excused himself as still being too sick.
I believe they intend to liquidate him. We should
now submerge him.

We must check the Harlo situation. We will
put up seven intelligence groups as permanent operating
units with lateral and vertical channels of communication.
Thus one unit would be covering the two islands of
Negros and Panay. This is the possible hotbed of
insidence in the South.