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Thursday

Finished golf at 10:00 PM as I had to
tape an interview by INOPC with Max Salazar as a
moderator and Doray Valencia, John Nance and Emil Jurado
as interrogators — up to 7:30 PM. Poor Ronnie Velasco
waited since 5:00 PM to play with me.

Came from Tuguegarao where I spent the
whole morning. Left at 8:00 AM and arrived at the NAB
at 2:15 after a one hour flight. The reception was
tumultuous and the people scratched my hands in an
effort to shake hands with me. Felt like the campaign
all over again but of course that was the world.

I explained the need to spend the new special
fund of \$10 million \$3.5 m of which goes to Cagayan Valley
as Ex-Im. Tangson had insisted in dividing the lump sum
with the Visayas and Mindanao which do not produce
tobacco — (Tangson had grown overbearing and unreliable
so lost in the last elections) properly so we can increase
our exports of native tobacco (so we are converting Virginia
tobacco into an export crop).

We must also put up a cigar rolling factory
in the Cagayan Valley. The Valley is rich and it has the
longest cement road and the biggest number of long
bridges in the Philippines.

I signed the Price Control Bill into law at
3:00 PM.

But we must pass the export tax bill so as
to stabilize the currency and the prices. Joe Roy and Profino
are against it so I must confer with Ben Comancon. Wonder
if they have any other ideas.

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Imelda is at the Cultural Center attending the presentation of the Warsaw Philharmonic and giving them a reception afterwards. She laughingly said that she will be with the leftists tonight.

I have found a place where Bongbong can go hunting. This is the Hacienda of Sr. Gonzales, one half of which has been bought by Cong. David Pagon. There is a lake full of ducks and to the east he can hunt deer and wild pig on a drive blind. Incidentally the Gonzales Hacienda of 3,000 hectares is near the Madrigal Hacienda which are both at Iwan, Kalugy-ayran. We pass it by helicopter on the way from Iwahig to Tabuk. But Bongbong will have to watch out for malaria.

Joe Aristela says it may be difficult for him to testify against the group of Terry Adreoso. He suggests that they be handled in a more peaceful way so that they may not continue with their plan of assassination.

Pres. Lopez has just rejected my offer for him to be chairman of the Price Control Council. This seems to jibe with the boast of the plotters that they are in touch with him and the editorials of the Chronicle have given substance to my fears that the Lopezes are in on the plot to assassinate me.