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Monday

MALACANAN PALACE
MANILA 6:20 AM

I have been up since Udec Barbero called up from Tripoli to tell us they have agreed on all the points that I cleared before he left except for the area.

Guioneri suggested by al Trefki must on all of Mindanao, Sulu and Palawan to be organized into one region.

But they are willing to submit this to a referendum.

I have directed that ^{Tripoli time} Tawarawan (today here) he should call me up at 10:00 A.M. Tripoli time and 4:00 P.M. Manila time (six hour time difference) he should call me up so that I can think about it and possibly talk to Col. Faddafi who has been keeping tabs of the conference every day by telephone.

I am presently inclined to accept the proposal provided we keep ^{out} the provinces that decide, by referendum, to stay out of the regional organization.

Because I am sure that the people of Palawan, the three Davaos, the two Surigaos, the two Agos, Sultan Cotabato, Bukidnon, the two Misamis, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~two~~ ^{two} ~~provinces~~ ^{provinces} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~area~~ ^{area} will want to be kept out of the Muslim region.