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Saturday

Actually I write this ^{in April 5 at 7:00 PM} off the coast of Surigao, Surigao
on board the President 777 while we are waiting
for the people to assemble at the wharf for the reception.
I slept without writing my daily notes as I was fatigued.
I had not slept (practically) the night before and had been
running from the 7:30 A.M. breakfast with the Military
Advisers of Seals including our old friend Admiral
McCain who commanded one of the submarines that supplied
us in the guerilla movement during the war while the Japanese
occupied the Philippines and Air Marshall and Mr. Dewee
of Thailand. Met with Mr. Kendall of Pepsi Cola brought by
Cory. Bert Sabido and father. He is close to Pres. Nixon so I
conveyed ~~through~~ the message that they should not commit
the same mistake they committed in Korea - that is the
failure to arm and train indigenous troops while there
was time. The U.S. would come to protect their bases
if the communists took over so why not just make the
AFP stronger now.

The Popper Providence is out of commission because
of lack of some spare parts which have to be flown from Am-
sterdam. So I used the PKB King Air and Amelinda used a PA-
chartered AVRO against a 40 knot wind (in 25 minutes)
helicopters to Mahayag for the inauguration of the
~~Salug~~ Salug Valley Irrigation Dam for 11,000 hectares. Then
back by heli. The Malave (both at Zamboanga del Sur) and
participated in the fiesta. Returned to Davao city to close the
PRISSA (Private Schools Athletic Association) national con-
petition - College and High Schools) then by boat to Davao to
exhibit the Kalamas, Salugin.