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Aboard the 777

Throuk Island was a disappointment. There was rain at about 5:30 AM and there were no birds. We were all wet so we went swimming after which I went into the forest. Felt a mosquito bite so I have insisted that everybody take coumaphos as a prophylaxis against malaria although we had taken atabrine or quinine yesterday. But it is a beautiful island. And the birds were in the forest which had no thick underbrush. I am told there were some hunters there a week ago. We should shoot the hunters instead as I had proclaimed Throuk island as a bird sanctuary in 1968. We must place notices in the island about this proclamation I mean I had announced at 4:15 AM my intention. We were back at the 777 by 7:30 AM and I was asleep at 8:30 AM. Aloha yet 11:00 AM.

Arrived at Taganak at 5:15 PM. The wayer led us to eight young turtles and two nests. We started around for the eggs with the aid of an iron grid with which you can feel the eggs like rubbery obstacles. Then we saw a giant water turtle.

We have just had a bookshop with every body in the merriest clothing. This was organized by the children. The best price was 17 minutes long and anybody who sat down before the end was considered absent. The children proclaimed. The "olds" had to keep on at it till the fatiguing end.

The sea is a little rough. The ship is pitching and yawing as we are in the Sulu Sea on the way to Sibutu where we hope to hunt boar before we go to the Sator and Dal Pivassile plantation.