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Malacañang

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Tuesday
Dakikil in Pinaric

I write this also at 11:30 PM at
Velasco Cottage.

Sunny day. Woke up at 7:00 AM. Left at 10:00 to
12:00 AM. Lunch at 12:45 and then we heard the
news of the earthquake. Intensity 7 at Manila, 5 in
Sorsogon and Legaspi, 4 at Calapan and 3 at Catarman.
Epicenter of this tectonic earthquake 197 kms. North
North East of Quezon City. Pedro Guerrero ^{Island} collapsed.
It is now the center of relief operations. 51st Inf. Brigade,
PC, PBB and Red Cross there. 4 teachers recovered, one
dead. 4 others in the city may be dead.
International and MIA facilities for air navigation
damaged. Temporary systems established.

Alex Beldner and Johnny Rome Ewile apparently
taking care of things very well.
Inilda cooked crab in banana leaves with
garlic and ginger for dinner.

Talked to the children by their Dole wireless system
through a shore patch at 2:00 PM and again at about
5:30 PM. There was more concern about Puffer than
before them about anything else. They were evacuated to
Cangarap. Only one 10 inch vase sang to berg of Inilda at
the reception hall cracked. Parts of the chandeliers fell
and Malacanan has some more cracks.
Inilda had reminiscences of criminal practice and
Yamashita's treasure after the war up to 11:00 PM, with Rome's
and Inilda and Paul and Phyllis being sick.