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I am now convinced that the MNLF and their individual leaders have no intention of honoring the ceasefire nor of agreeing to a mere solution of autonomy in the whole of Mindanao, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Palawan.

I am also convinced that all the separated incidents of violence and violations of the ceasefire are part of the plan which has been revealed in the letter dated 18 June 1977 captured in the [illegible] main camp of the MNLF and received today by me from Admiral Romeo Espaldon of [illegible] I attach the report and Espaldon's previous reports.

While everybody including the MNLF was expecting us to hit at Asman Sali in Jolo Island in revenge for the massacre at Davao, Palikul, Jolo of Bdeen Bautista and his men, because of the build-up in the Zamboanga peninsula especially near Zamboanga City and the attacks on Aminjan, Kamit-Kamit and Tictapul, it was decided to attack the main camp of the MNLF instead but just publicising the provocations by MNLF Ul Calvany and his men (attacks on Aminjan, Kamit-Kamit and Tictapul) then surrounding the area of the camp