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Friday

Worked on the reconstruction, PACD, infrastructure and agricultural recovery program. I had the secretary of finance, ^{the secretary of public works} the commissioner of the budget, commissioner of highways and the BOI chairman.

Am not contented with the listing of projects. There are delays in implementation - the PES has taken 3 months to act on the P & H (Phil Japan Highway) program. So I have insisted on a PACD project in every barrio, a highway project in every province, 2,750 school buildings, hospitals and irrigation projects.

The agricultural program should include cooperatives. I have started an experimental cooperative farm of the Koshiwa type in Ibañeta, Nueva Ecija.

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50,000 patents and titles will be given
this year to small farmers by the Bureau
of Lands.

The situation becomes more tense as
the Pasang Masada of Atty. Supino Sagara
announced that their strike had been postponed
to Monday. Sagara is apparently weakening.

This time we take a firmer stand and
we arrest anyone harassing vehicles on the
road instead of just driving them away.

Neither the oil companies or the drivers
are content with the provisional decision.

But now the greater number of our
people are alienated by the drivers as the
PCC grant what they have originally been after.

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This afternoon, I asked Sec. Ponce Enrile and Gen. Yano to delay to July the taking in as enlisted men the 1,300 new men (trainees) for the 1st Inf. Div (Tabak) but to extend their training to June 30th. Thus we save ~~3.2~~ 3.2 million. We will spend the money for the PACD.

And we prepare a dummy contingency plan where we mass the troops for Central Luzon instead of Manila — thus instead the subversives who seem to have an inkling of the original HSA plan.

I pointed out the deficiency of the intelligence on penetration which must now be intensified, as well as the inadequacy of our efforts on Psy-war.

We sent 500 guns to Isabela for the BSDU's to be put up. The 15th BCP has been sent there and they have killed or apprehended subversives some of whom have given information which has led to the disarming of the cadres set up by the HPA.

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More and more, we feel that the CPP and NPA will resort to sabotage and terrorism as in desperation they are admitted in every turn.

In Congress they are still complaining about the guards and military men set up in the premises. We have kept quiet and we do not reveal to them that we know some of them (Imoy Aquino and Ramon Datura Jr.) were in the know about the plot that was called off because of the strict screening of all persons entering the building and the House Session Hall - to hand grenade all the leaders there present (the President, Senate Pres., Speaker, Chief Justice and me).
Further have we revealed the fact that we caught a man with grenades. His companions sneaked away.

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I have ordered the expediting of the oil exploration of the concessions. Amount asked for \$2.4 million and the approval of its contract for drilling. I ordered De Tanco to approve it today and see Virata to have it approved on Tuesday so that they can meet their Feb. 10th deadline. Otherwise they lose their right to this only offshore drilling rig in the area of South East Asia left uncontracted for.

The drilling starts next March at the Palawan shelf.