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Isabella played a trick on me this morning. It will be one of those family jokes that only she and I will understand - complete in the saying of but a few words. She played her part well as she mischievously embroidered her fanciful story which at first jolted and shocked me out of my wits.

This morning I continued meeting the military - Gen. Ranudo of the 5th Fighter Wing at Base Airfield who has dreamt to be Chief of Airforce but was set back because I extended Gen. Simpson who is now Chief of Airforce. He will make a good Chief of Airforce but I still need him as C.A. of the 5th Fighter Wing because of the possibility of martial law.

Then I called in the Provincial Commanders of Cagayan, Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya to size them up. Lt Col Hanson of Isabela and Lt Col [unclear] of Cagayan look like tough fighters. They were CO and Operations officer of the 51st PC Battalion and part of Task Force Lawin.

I ordered the delivery of 500 firearms for BSDU's to be organized in Isabela. I also gave it trucks and a U-17 as well as possible

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helicopter support. One PC company will be sent there next week.

This is necessary because Isabela is becoming a sanctuary for the fleeing NPA's. I received a recommendation from Sec. Vicente Abad Santos for the relief of Dir. Alejo Santos as Director of Prisons because of the repeated Prison riots at Muntinlupa. I have agreed.

Met Sammy Soriano, an AIB instructor in Australia for the boys being sent to the Philippines by submarine in 1944. He was using for the briefings on Ewing Order of Battle intelligence reports of "Ferdinand E. Marcos, Lt. Col. USAFFE." Reminded about the war days and Tarigayas, Harry Guyman, Don Jamieson & Russ Kolckman.

Asked Congressman Ali Demagosa of Sorsogon del Norte, his brother of Sorsogon del Sur, Capt. Anni of Jolo and the governor there, Don Murphy Sangkula to register their unlicensed guns and send their men as reservists for training so they can be used for^{to} contain any MIM, Ansarul Islam or Green Guards

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violence.

In the afternoon, I met Genos. Yan, Espino, Garcia and Sec. Ponce Enrile on the funding of additional enlisted personnel (2,500 to bring PC strength up to 24,000 and 1,000 for the 1st Inf. Division), the contingency plans, training of Indonesians in the south on a Citizens Army basis upon the request of the local officials, the assignment of good combat officers in sensitive positions.

Then I met the doctors of the Dept of Health led by Dr. Amikam, who are demonstrating for their increase in pay. I told them that the government could afford to give them 35% of their increase the first year beginning April 1971, then 35% the next year and 30% the third year. They would not decide until they met again.

But you could see that they were trying to ~~coerce~~ ^{coerce} me and the government with the threat that they would strike if their increase was not given them.