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Worked on the <sup>Progressive</sup> Car Manufacturing  
bidding with Tinig Paterno.

He also asked to be allowed to  
resign and put up a business after November.  
I told him that I expect disorder which  
may end up with the communists trying to  
grab power by violence or legal means.  
The Armed Forces would not allow this.  
So they would in turn take over the  
government and may call on me or anybody  
else to set up a dictatorship.

In lieu of this we should allow the  
parliamentary form of government to be adopted  
although I have my misgivings about its  
appropriateness for our people now. Thus I  
could continue as head of government (Prime  
Minister) legally.

And I would need all the good men  
to run government.  
So I'll stay but he can train someone  
to become chairman in lieu of him.

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The Navy Compound burned last night with \$2 million damage. Under suspicious circumstances.

In the press interview this afternoon, I announced that we are assessing the pattern of arson occurring in the country. And that I am asking for an updated report on the state of Public Order.

There have been too many fires of non-accidental origin in the country lately. In Samar and Leyte, seven Catholic schools have been burned.

Sec. Ponce Enrile reports that Diosdado is peaceful.

Russ Kolchman, Ed Ramsay, Don Blackburn, Gen. Casay + the ladies of all except Ed who came alone had a picnic, a tour of the palace and bade good bye this afternoon.