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The entire country continues to operate on my visit to the brothers Lopez. The comments all seem favourable, specially after my statement that I have reestablished my friendship with the Lopezes for national unity in view of the national interest.

The opposition is still in a state of shock while the Nacionalistas are jubilant. Gerry Roxas and Genoy Aquino are meeting with Jiming Lopez on Sunday. But Koley has been told not to be concerned as Jiming will make no commitments. And that whatever obstacles to the rapprochement will be overcome.

The general impression is that I have just accomplished a political "coup". As Gerry Roxas is supposed to have said: "Titi klogin na yata tayo."

Genoy Aquino has charged that the mines in North Vietnam were staged from the Philippines under naval Base of the U.S. in violation of the Base Agreement. ~~that~~ The use of the bases for ~~combat~~ military operations requires consultations.

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July 19th (Cont)

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with the Philippine government
I ordered Sr. Romulo to clarify this
with the U.S. Embassy who quoted the
Pentagon statement that "the mine laying operation
was not staged from Subic. Only the mines
come from stocks at Subic - just as virtually
all the bombs and shells used by the navy
in Iado - also come from Subic, the principal
supply base for the 7th fleet."

I attach the papers.