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Met the mayors of Ilocos Norte with the governor, congressman, treasurer and auditor.

Distributed about P8 million of their share of the excess income tax which I have asked the BIR to allocate.

Will do the same for the other provinces.

Before that met with the Sec of National Defense, Chief of Staff and major service commanders on the establishment of naval stations at Bicolian Bay, Casiguran and San Vicente, airfields close to them. Finish the road from Ilagan to Palanan as well as the Yambak logging road from Malabale to south of Casiguran with the help of the loggers (had Sec. Krco in the conference as well as Al Sim and Valeriano Duano whose logging concession includes Palanan and south to Pagellarin River.

We have decided to organize a brigade from the 1st Regular Div (Tabak) to sweep the eastern part of Isabela to capture the estimated 400 NPA's who are up to now concealed there. The boys that assaulted the 1st camp had to rest and the weather was foul.

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July 15th (Cont)

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Inquirer Times and Daily Mirror, Chronicle and ABS-CBN are belittling the Armed Forces as usual as well as the achievement of the discovery of the smuggling of firearms.

I announced today that the conspiracy for subversion, insurgency and rebellion is more alarming than we originally imagined. And we are reassessing the contingency plans of the military.

This will probably be given a big play tomorrow.

Although I did say that there is no reason for hysteria or panic because the Armed Forces can handle the situation.

In accordance with the decision this upon Task Force Palanan has been organized.
I attach copy of instructions