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It is my feeling that the Nationalist Club will threaten to give hand down to Russia as matter of self-preservation if the U.S. rescinds the Mutual Defense Pact. This is a matter for survival of Taiwan. Otherwise it becomes a province of Red China and a threat to the Philippines as well as to the other Southeast Asian countries.

So the visit of Imelda to Moscow could be interpreted as some kind of a similar veiled threat on the part of the Philippines. But there was no such intention on my part. However, since it is there and it redounds to the national interest I have let this idea percolate. The U.S. will probably now agree to help us strengthen our defenses.

Imelda reaches Moscow by aircraft at about 9:00 PM Moscow time which would be about 12:00 AM London time and about 9:00 PM Manila time.

Temperature is 9 below 0.

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I have been asked how soon the Vietcong would take over South Vietnam after the complete withdrawal of American troops. My answer is if the U.S. could get Russia and China or even Russia alone to cut down by 50% the aid in military equipment to the Vietcong, then they would not be able to overwhelm the South Vietnamese.

The Japanese are also interested in the safety of Taiwan or Formosa. But Sato does not favor an independent Taiwan under the Taiwanese.

Right now the Red Chinese are not capable of mounting an amphibious assault on Taiwan or the Philippines. But in a period of 5 or 6 years from ten to twenty years everybody seems to be working for time.

The Japanese malaria experts came to apologize for the Palawan mosquito incident and again assured us that no mosquitoes escaped. I asked the Japanese government to help work on malaria and zikitzonia's research and control.

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Talked to Inelda by telephone at about 10:30 AM on the circuit through Japan. Clear like the plane next room.

She was cautious but optimistic. She had seen the Bolshevik Ballet (Asian Fake) last night. She is being treated very well.

She says most of the women she has met are stout as barrels.