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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

Wednesday

Slept up to 11:00 AM as we went to bed at 2:00 AM from the Oledans where we had dinner for a despedida for Bobby Benabito.

Kokoy's trip to Peking is the talk of the town. His two hour conference with Chou en lai was over, debated upon in the senate. The media (columnists, commentators) have all something to say about it. ^{Conf} worked on the Progressive Manufacturing Program. Mr. Sales of General Motors and his men called on me on their bid.

Then on oil prospecting in the Sulu seas. Esso has again struck oil in the vicinity of Kalimantan. Indonesia earns \$500 million from oil (this is one half of production)

Then went over the calamity releases of funds to make operational transportation and communications as well as hospital and food production facilities.

Housing with BSIS manager. Air agreements. In LA. ^{James} Then dinner with the delegates from Screening Council - 20 of the 33 members.