

10:00 PM

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Thursday

MALACAÑAN PALACE

MANILA

Talked to Imelda at about 2:30 PM.
She talked to Premier Kosygin yesterday for
two hours and twenty minutes. He usually meets
state heads for only fifteen minutes.
Kosygin found her charming, beautiful
and talented as she talked to him about
our problems. He commented that she was very
much in love with her country as she had
come all the way to a cold country (it
was 10 below zero) to represent her country.
You are not only ambassador, First
Lady and secretary, he commented, as she
wrote down our needs.

She finds the bone-chilling cold
most uncomfortable. And they find that the
food is not appetizing except the caviar.

Tonight she will be given dinner by
the Minister of Culture.

She goes to Leningrad later this week.

We are now busy keeping down prices. And
I talked to the Public Service Commission to stop the
merchandise increase in rates.

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June Cruz, \$515,
you should have
at least acknowledged the
Presidential decision to stop
individual housing loans and
utilize \$515 resources for
massive, low-cost housing
in the Sunday Homes program.
Because it was a Presi-
dential decision, not yours,
nor the \$515.

