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Monday

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The JND, Chief of Staff and the Chief of all general services remained with me the plans for Iloilo. I directed that Gen. Jaramin must now be brought down to the lowlands to block the movement of the fleeing NPA's to the San Guillermo, Echeague, Angadanan area. The road from Maddek, Quirino (Yoncal logging road) must be blocked. And while the TF Palawan is attacking the second camp, another company under Col. Pigo (Prov. Commander of Iloilo) must surround Division which has a settlement of about 200 most of whom are allegedly NPA's so that if they flee with their firearms during the ~~subsequent~~ <sup>air and ground</sup> ~~air and ground~~ <sup>they can</sup> be apprehended.

I suggest that no enemy soldiers will be in the camp at Pigo River. They will have fled by now perhaps westward or southward to Division.

Palawan, probably, is also infiltrated by the NPA's. And the new faces should be screened. And air reconnaissance should try to locate the nearest logging camp and farm where the NPA's from Pigo could have run to for food and shelter.

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I have ordered the establishment of three <sup>MANILA</sup> naval stations: San Vicente, Palawan (Bathian Bay) and Casiguran. I ordered P500,000 to be released to the Navy and 12 barracks projects for all purpose buildings.

Palawan airstrip must be lengthened and improved for the use of <sup>T-6</sup> fighters and possibly jet fighters.

This noon I directed the Sec. of Public Works and the Com. on Highways to finish the Balabac - Casiguran road and work on the Ilogan - Palawan road with the Army Engineers, connecting into the logging roads if any, as well as to improve the Appan - San Vicente road in Cagayan.

5,000 M-16's must be acquired, 1,200 from <sup>MSP</sup> and 3,800 from military sales. We must expedite the setting up of the small arms factory.

There must be a increase of the <sup>Armed</sup> <sup>Forces</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Philippines</sup> <sup>ND 7</sup>, <sup>Tabak</sup> <sup>Division</sup> and the <sup>PC</sup> which is at 40% strength and 15% armed with <sup>Arms</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>ammunition</sup>.

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The Ju-14's that were captured are apparently not U.S. made but may have been duplicated by the Chinese or some foreign country. The wood as well as the metal is being studied.

Two of the BAR's captured in Daguio (Nos. 602721 and 22280) were lost by the ~~PINA~~ ~~PIA~~ on 29 Dec 70. This proves that the band was apparently led by Corpus <sup>Rocket-propelled grenade</sup> also Fa Garcia.

The captured rocket launcher is a RPLG on Ju-40, a 40 mm. Russian model copied by the Chinese and used by the Vietcong. It is an anti-tank weapon. Penetration - 11 to 18 inches of steel. Breaching - 36 inches of reinforced concrete or 4 layers of sandbags (approximately 48 inches).

I attach the reports.

Another assassination plot is reported by Bob Garcia. A group including Eddie Figueroa has asked a family to rent a house near St. Jude to be used as a stopping point so I cross the river to Pangasinan.