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The Maggí de la Riva rapists were electrocuted at 3:00 PM. I had to refuse the pleas for reprieve and commutation because of the viciousness of the crime, the continued record of recidivism of the prisoners, their prison record, the callousness demonstrated and the four death sentences imposed by the Supreme Court to obviate a commutation or a pardon. I attached the report of Sec. Abel Santos. Gov. Wallace who was shot last Monday may be paralyzed because of a bullet injuring his spinal column. Gov. Wallace of Alabama was known for his anti-negro sentiments.

The plans for setting up an afternoon paper with 27 newspapermen who are leaving their newspapers to join this new publication. Oscar Ouyarapo will be the publisher and Francisco Caguayco will be in the Board of Directors. This is going to bother the publishers. Hans Wangi told me at lunch that *Frank Times* and *Daily Star* are affected in circulation by the *Daily Express*.

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May 17th (Cont)

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I told Hans Thang at lunch that it was my feeling that North Vietnam which is now asking for negotiations, will settle in the DMZ being moved south so they can occupy the territories they have conquered. Plus some more concessions which would ultimately mean that the North Vietnamese will take over the south. The same cycle will start all over again.

Then Laos, Cambodia and Thailand
analysis may follow.

Right now we are safe because Red China does not have any amphibious capability. But in two years they will acquire such capability. We must be ready for that time. Thus the need for the US military bases in the Philippines and our self-reliance defense program.

In the meantime it is necessary to dismantle the communist apparatus in the Philippines, and this should be done before the end of 1973.