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Played golf at 4:00 AM with Prime Minister. Habuoka Kishi, Bobby Benedicto, Greg Siceros and Amb. Urabe. But I walked only for first two holes and rode on the golf cart the rest of the game. Could not hit too well - five over par.

But I was able to talk about the Treaty with Japan which Amb. Urabe and the Japanese government is greatly interested in having ratified by the Senate. I anticipated that the senators have reservations like the matter of fishing rights and territorial boundaries. And press for the acceleration of the payment of reparations.

At 11:00 AM I met the BIR regional directors and expressed appreciation for the work they have done in increasing tax collection by about P1 billion for the last year; savings and investment by 20%.

And that while seldom is there any

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expression of appreciation, I did for in behalf
of our people.

"Public service is a thankless task.
And often the public official must draw upon
his reserve of ambition, resolution and patriotism
to keep working."

"For seldom will contemporary observers
encourage us. But instead denigrate and try to
fracture us down. Do not allow contemporary
observers to dissuade you, provided we keep our
integrity."

Administered the oath of office to Bobby
Dawidto as ambassador to Japan after the
lunch for Dr. Prince Kishi.
The most vigorous oath taking yet.

Dr. Pres. Puyat wants help from us for
the senate presidency as Tolentino and Roy are
both after it. The Lopez are in favor of
Tolentino.