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We have one of the worst floods in years. Almost all of Western Luzon is under water. While Typhoon Glaring is leaving <sup>to the NE (1,500 kmp. away)</sup> and merely skirting the Philippines sucking in the SW monsoon causing the precipitation, there is a new typhoon (Phyllis is the international name for Glaring and the new typhoon is named Tess) - also about 1,500 kms. east of Phyllis or Glaring. So we expect the rains to continue.

Our helicopters flew rescue and relief missions following the national highway. But visibility is zero and the Clark Field helicopters did not fly. Even trucks could not move because some parts of the road like Carmon, Posoles and Pundulupuban are under four feet of water. Inabaanan is under water. The Heroes Hall and the entrance are under one foot of water.

I attach the reports.

Even Madame Kityana Nikolaeva had to ride in a Sierra Sabas conveyer to come to the palace for a courtesy call and for lunch.

As of now 166 are dead from the flood and all our rice plantings are a complete loss in Central Luzon the rice granary.