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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

Ambassador Byroade, in a state of concern, informed us at noon that Sen. Aquino is threatening to deliver a speech to the effect that there are nuclear weapons in Clark Air Force Base. He told the two American soldiers who belong to the subversive group in Clark Air Force Base that he had a letter from a Filipino colonel who informed him of the presence of nuclear weapons in Clark.

He reminded me of the fact that Amb. Blair had told me of the existence of the nuclear weapons and that he had reported this to me some time ago. I told him that the Dept of Foreign Affairs would state that the President had already stated that there were no nuclear weapons ^{in Clark} and that was the position of the government.

But we will have to restudy our position on nuclear weapons in the American bases. For the Red Chinese can reach Clark with an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile.

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July 19th (Cont)

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Delegate Quintero, this afternoon stated on the floor of the Constitutional Convention that there was no payment of ₱10,000 by Malacañan in the Jan. 6, 1972 meeting. that Pres. Marcos had told him he, the President, was for the Presidential form of government; that he (Delegate Quintero) received eight envelopes of various amounts each month since March 1971 although he did not reveal who gave him the money; he did say that he was not told what the consideration was for nor did he ask.

This discredits the whole convention and since one of the envelopes is supposed to have had a Malacañan letter head and some the names of Quintero, the money is definitely planted.

The whole scheme smacks of a plan to stop the convention from adopting a constitution. But it has to be handled with finesse because the delegate (Quintero) is apparently well-meaning. Although when he came to see me to ask what form of government I preferred and he told me of the money he received I informed him that I did not send him any money and did not know anything about it.