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I have told Sec. Ponce Enrile, Chief of Staff Gen. Espino and PC Chief Gen. Ramos that I have reason to believe that the U.S. has long range missiles and nuclear weapons in Clark Air Force Base.

So I have directed Sec. Ponce Enrile and Sec. Romulo to make studies of the necessity of missiles and nuclear weapons in the American Bases and the legal aspects of the Bolinao-Subirana agreement which requires consultation with our government before the missiles and nuclear weapons can be installed.

I dictated a letter to Gen. Ver, the draft of which I attach, addressed to Amb. Byroade informing him that previous notice and consent is necessary for the installation of the missiles and nuclear weapons.

It is my intention to give the letter to Amb. Byroade after my conference with Secs. Romulo and Ponce Enrile tomorrow at 9:30 AM.

I met the Metrocom & MPR on the violence of the demonstration last Saturday and it is quite clear that the violence was started by the demonstrators. The Metrocom suffered 22 injured out of 56 MPR-ones. I attach reports of the Metrocom CB & Chief of Staff.

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On the Concern Quintero alleged "expose", Delegate Domingo Velasco's statement saying he had given some amounts to Quintero who requested money from him as he (Quintero) was financially hard up.

Cong. Macanai Yrigoy came to see me this noon. He was agitated and wanted to deliver a privilege <sup>and demand for investigation</sup> speech. But I convinced him that the mere fact that his name was in the envelopes that were given to Quintero should prove that he had no intention of bribing him for anything. So when Yrigoy's son, talked to me over the telephone, he told me that they (father and son) agreed to wait till their names as involved or revealed before they say anything.

Quintero sent a wire through PHS from Leyte naming Jimmy Opinion as the giver of the envelopes. Opinion may say that the source of the money was also Francisco who ran & won as Vice-President.

And yet at the first impact of the news the Palace was blamed for everything.

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would then have the opportunity of previous consultation with his advisers as well as subsequent consultation with the duly authorized American officers. The Head of State can then formally give consent in writing, if such be the decision, before the installation of such missiles and/or nuclear weapons.

We have demonstrated in the past that we are ready to help and support the United States of America in her policy of protecting freedom, maintaining the integrity of small states and providing for the continuance of democratic institutions. You are well aware to what extent we have gone to give such aid and support.

So I am confident this question should not present too serious a problem to our two governments.

Only this handwritten copy of this letter has left my hands.

Sincerely,  
