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Saturday

Coordinated the public and private sectors on the organization of producers and consumers' cooperatives. Private sector headed by Ex. Sec. Alfredo Montelibano, President of the Chamber of Agriculture.

Beginning April 6th, 251 trainers will be trained in San Bias for APC, ACA, PACD and CAO for two weeks. They will be sent out to the provinces and cities to train the field men of these agencies, the local executives down to the level of the barrio councilors as well as teachers.

Counterparts of the private sector will be equally trained.

100 storage facilities with the new technique of chilling instead of ice production, will be established throughout the country for perishable consumer items like fish, beef, pork, chicken & eggs, vegetables, fruits etc. The franchise holders of ice will be given a chance to buy the units but a public bidding can be held to choose the operators.

Also worked out the credit to be extended to agriculturists.

Before this, looked into all the programs for export and trade as well tourist promotion. Petraera has to be strengthened.

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Jan. 25, 1972 (Cont)

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Benny Tada came to see me and offered to part with one half of all his holdings in PAF. I promised this would be to the government with him continuing to manage the company. I refused it but asked him to present his plans for a renovated PAF which would be a pride to the country.

I had asked Ronnie Velasco to come and confer with Benny Tada, hoping that I could get them to agree on some kind of a settlement. But Ronnie Velasco said he could not commit his group.

So I asked both of them to know that I did not want the office of the President to be dragged into their conflict and that my name should not be used by either of them.

Benny had asked that he be allowed to tell Catter that he had my support and that I wanted the status quo. I asked him to tell Catter that in the Bd of Directors meeting or knowledge and stock holders meeting on Wednesday that the status quo in the organization be maintained but that my name should not be used by either party.