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Thursday

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Had to stay in Manila because of the request of the Congressional leaders to help out in the passage of the calamity bill, the budget, public works bill, tax measures etc. Today is the last day of session.

But Inulda went to Clark Air Force Base, then by truck to Tarlac. Then by helicopter to Pangasinan, Pampanga and Bulacan.

Bad weather — rain and gusty winds.

We lost one Albatross off Tondo in taking Puting Bato. One engine went dead after taking off from Sangloy for Clark on an administrative flight (part of the first lady's group) made an emergency landing on the rough sea along the Tondo shoreline successfully but busted the pontoons and the nose of the fuselage. Sunk in 15 minutes. The passengers, mostly pilots were saved. Only one confirmed casualty, Corp. Savelra PA who jumped out of the plane and swam away from the rescuing boats.

TV - Vigilantes in the morning. Then worked on the Rehabilitation program.
Legislative Problems.
Met Sec. Ponce Enrile, Gen. Espino, Ramos + Pz.

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July 27th (Cont)

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Gen. Pag has a theory the guns in Irogay's Palace may have been given by the CIA to the NPA not to destroy us and the Republic but to make us depend on the USA. The bullets are supposed to destroy the barrels of the guns after a while. Too ridiculous and far fetched.

I do not buy it. But even if they did, they would now be pulling out of such a plot. So we must give them a graceful way out.

I attach a report of Sr. Ponce Enrile on info given by Johnny Aguino.

I have called Congress to another special session — the third. They have not passed the budget and the tax measures among others.