

7.00 P.M.

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July 4, 1972
Tuesday

MALACAÑAN PALACE

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Am alone in the Palace as Juelda has gone to the sea on merienda given by the Congressional Ladies at the Hyatt Regency.

After golf at 10:00 A.M., Juelda brought us to the "Old Antigua" which is under construction. It is the site of the first Phil. Senate, formerly belonged to Admiral Montajo, Commander or Flag Officer in Command of the Spanish Navy up to 1898 and is the most handsome old house I have seen (after the reconstruction that has been going on for 3 years). Antillan in architecture it has French and Moorish details. High ceilings, wide hardwood stairs (oak) varna paneling, filigree work even on the walls. Elegant and more luxurious than Malacañan Palace.

Directed Mayor Jesus Rubio to look for a place for a memorial for father on a hill either to the north or south of Batoc, a bigger lot in Curruao and an old house in Seoy for a down house in that capital city.

Worked on sugar prices and air freight. Met Nick and Ramon Juarez on the message sent by Delegate Quintero

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Prepared for the negotiations for the educational loan fund from the IBRD. Attached papers on it.

The trade with China. Attached report of Gen. Juan Jose P. Rivera of Betancor.

And the statement in the budget in the conference committee. Sen. Talantino has suggested that the old budget be re-enacted. This would mean the increases in salaries, AFP budget, cooperatives are out. But the power of transfer and use of savings are retained. If an unprogrammed or B budget is approved with all the increases included and the power to use savings and excess income and borrowings, then we could agree.

Tomorrow I will have to issue an order to use the old budget but to limit releases to the 25% allocated for the 1st quarter.

The parliamentarists and anti-Pan Marcos delegates seem to have the upper hand in the Corcon.