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Imelda is in Rome and will leave for London at about 9:30 PM our time. She called me up at 7:30 PM from Rome and said she was feeling cold so Inday and she are both shopping for heavy coats.

Am missing her and the children very badly even if I have been busy.

Met Asst Sec of State Marshall Green at 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The first two hours with Mr. John Helbrooke ^{U.S.} Consul Gen. Ashburn of Hong Kong, and Byrond ^{1st} Junior - as the Sec. of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Executive Secretary and the remaining 30 minutes a confidential and private conference between Sec. Marshall and me.

I attach the transcript of the tape recording of the first two hours.

I opened the World Softball Conference at the Rodriguez Athletic Stadium at 6:00 PM. I went by helicopter, delivered a short opening speech and threw the first ball. U.S. won against Hong Kong 12-0 and Philippines won against Singapore 21-0.

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In the conversations with Marshall Green, heated discussions occurred when after I opened the subject of the apparent conflict between the communique and the statements of Dr. Kissinger I had said that we wanted to know what the true intentions were as we might be pushed into doing things against our liking if the position of the U.S. was to let time settle the Taiwan question and Pao Kowto practically charged the U.S. of reneging on her talks when he said that the resolution that the U.S. had sought to push through in the UN was to the effect that there were two Chinas and now the communique talks of only one China and that Taiwan is an internal problem of China - that the position of the Chinese on both sides of the channel is that there is only one China and the U.S. "will not challenge this position."

But Green reiterated the pledge that the U.S. would defend Taiwan from aggression; that they are not withdrawing from Asia; that they do not intend to dismantle the

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military bases in the Philippines.

In the private conference with Green, I emphasized the need to train and equip our men to take over the bases. I pointed to the example of Sangley which they abandoned, pulling out all the equipment and leaving us no way to take over. He jotted of the implications of this budget and military aid.

I insisted that they could help with the military surplus in Vietnam and other bases. This would not need further congressional appropriations. He noted this especially when I told him a formal request will be made by Mr. Dulac and Mr. Romuldez. He took notes of my answer to him in San. Romuldez's visit to Peking.

I emphasized the impression that the Chinese leaders seemed to feel that they can wait on Taiwan as well as the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Philippines.

And that unless they have a pre-emptive attack capability, they might change their "homebroken" and moderate policies.

This could be anywhere from ten to twenty years.