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Thursday

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
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Rural Banking 18th convention.

Then some appointments (Don Manuel Elizalde - appointed the son Manuel back to PAKAMIN) Gen. Bienvenido Castro, Delegate Luis Catubig and father on a forestry concession increase of allowable cut, Cong. Jose Puyat, etc.

Met Amb. Byroade and Tom Donahue at 7.00 PM after golf. The Vietnam situation is bad but not irretrievable. I attach reports.

I have a feeling that Pres. Nixon is going to try a landing in North Vietnam with massive aerial bombardment. The air tankers have been flying out to Thailand and Vietnam. There are six aircraft carriers, not just four.

Since all the North Vietnamese troops are committed to the South Vietnamese drive, there are Inchon-type of rear landing cutting off the advancing North Vietnamese may be in order.

The Frontiers - <sup>Dupuy</sup> Vroquez group have asked for a compromise on the reclamation and <sup>Pres. Nixon</sup> Frontiers of course, is offering all kinds of support in the elections. I have refused them and ordered a appeal from the adverse C & D decision.