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July 9, 1972  
Sunday

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

Jesse has arrived. Her 6:55 PM arrival was delayed to 9:15 PM. The P.A. plane was delayed two hours in Amsterdam. She is thinner and does not seem to have grown taller although her face is rounder. After mass, they are now eating dinner.

Jace arrives on the 12th and Bongbong on the 16th.

Imelda and I could not go to Mass tomorrow as Tuesday the new typhoon will start hitting the Philippines.

Attended the blessing of the 17 new self-propelled coaches of PNR for the Bicol line from reparations (Cost \$1.7 million). I have allotted another \$5 million from the 17th gr. reparations. This in addition to the increase of capitalization by \$350 million under R.A. 6366. I intend to tie up the PNR refrigerated cars from the next reparations items to the producers cooperatives in Bicol and the Greater Manila Food Terminal Market.

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Lunch for the Syrian and Egyptian missions headed by El Bekki and El Arousy. A Philippine (Bayanista) program, gift-giving and a letter to H.E. Isma'el El Kaddafi, Chairman and Prime Minister of the Revolutionary Command Council of The Syrian Arab Republic and H.E. President A El Sadat of Egypt.

Then golf and exercises.

and to the airport.

I am disappointed at the slow moving operations in Diguigo Bay at Palawan, Iorok. The Chief of Staff sent there but only 60 men have been airlifted so far. Maj. Pecos with six teams are south of the HPA encampments. The rest are in the Buena logging camp at Didadonggan. It is my feeling that Gen. Espino is offended that Gen. Pando and Diaz reported to me directly so he has not permitted an air strike. But the shore is an overhanging ledge so cannot be approached and taken from the sea. I have ordered an air strike to precede the assault with mortars and recoil-less rifles early tomorrow.

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The operations have to be completed tomorrow because the typhoon will foul up the weather and prevent the flight of helicopters and the fixing aircraft Tuesday.

I have ordered two companies to beef up the troops in Paguys Bay.

We may have stumbled on something big there. It may be a base camp where the supplies from abroad may be dumped. That is why the NPA will not abandon it. As of this morning the NPA were still in their entrenched positions firing down at the six teams of big teams (NPA Class '61)

As the leaders may be there and the men landed by either submarine and/or surface craft as well as the armaments and ammo with food supplies may be there. So we must take the area by all means.

I also attach a copy of a document of NPA plans captured in Bo. Tarnungay, Cordon, Isabela on 18 1400 June 1972.