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Saturday

Again a sore throat and a cold. I called a conference of doctors including Director Carreon of the PCH, Dr. Yap, Dr. Carbo (in the morning) and Dr. Zagala on why my resistance has gone down.

Probably the fact that my cholesterol has been reduced to 176 and I am taking xyloperin as well as waterolium.

So I am going to start lessening my medicine intake and take in more liquids and have more exercise and rest.

I had to cancel my trip to the drought areas in the south because of my cold and sore throat.

Awarded the Order of Katatagan to Justice J. B. L. Reyes.

Had with the Ablans - warned them of the stories about them of smuggling and asked them to account for the planes used in the campaign of 1949.

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The story spread that I was shot in the Manila Golf Course this morning. Apparently the warning for me not to go out today was based on the knowledge of some attempt to be made.

But I sent Vice Pres. Lopez to the Q.C. <sup>birthday anniversary</sup> Quezon celebration instead.

The indications are that the plot of assassination in which Larry Trackman, Sergio Asnora (the gunman, <sup>[two airplanes, one claiming to be Tom Bricker]</sup> already identified the used cars registered in his name) point to the Vice President as a co-conspirator or financier.

At 12:00-1:00 PM I hammered out the agreement with the Greater Manila local executives to fund the Flood Control, Sewerage, Health, Street Rehabilitation and Refuse Disposal program.

Dictated the orders for the reassessment of the defense plans and AFP plans against subversion on the new assumption: that the CPP and NPA have been able to smuggle in at least 2,000 M-14s.

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rockets and supplies. (2) That they are being helped by Red China (3) that they can increase their armed strength to 10,000 (4) that they could present such a credible force they would be supported by a substantial portion of the civilian population and by other foreign governments. I attach copy of the order.

The reports today indicate the new 60 mm type of howitzer in San Juan was blasted by explosives and in firefight in an ambush on Metrocom troops on Jan-14 of Serial No beginning with 620 and type similar to those captured in Palanan, Isabela was captured in Marikina Heights.

These show the Urban Guerrillas know the firearms and are already operating in Manila

so I have to prepare for their activities