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Dongdong's Birthday. Right now they have converted Suite I into a nightclub complete with strobe lights and blown-up pictures of Dongdong.

And there are more girls than boys. In fact there are only a handful of boys and about five times as many girls.

At the rate the tension and hysteria in Manila continues, I may have to declare martial law soon. Many people are not leaving their homes.

Threats to bomb and blackmail is rampant.

KBS and the Daily Express were told to raise \$200,000 otherwise there would be a bomb for them. This was conveyed by a certain Palisarpio. He probably cooked it up.

So I met with Johnny Ponce Enrique, Sr. Tom Desj. Col. Montoya, Col. Tony Bata, and Domingo Cojuangco this evening at Pangarap and we agreed to set the 21st of this month as the deadline.

In the meantime Sen. Aquino in a privilege speech today, claims we have an OPLAN Sagittarius which allegedly includes a planing of Greater Manila under PC control preparatory to proclaiming martial law.

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This is nothing but the contingency plan for the coordination of the local police forces and the Armed Forces in case of emergency.

It is ridiculous to ascribe to it the plan of martial law since it refers to calling out the troops to quell a disorder.

But of course the media will give it all kinds of meaning.

But, again, perhaps it is best that the political opposition start a debate that will get the people used to the idea of emergency powers.