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Released the report of Sec. Ponce Enrile of Sept. 8, 1972 wherein he reported that Sen. Aquino had met with Jose Maria Sison of the Communist Party and had talked about a link-up of the Liberal Party and the Communist Party.

I attach copy of the report.

Sen. Roxas had written that they were not attending the meeting.

I attach copy of the letter.

So since I invited Sen. Pres. Puyat, Speaker Villareal, (Sen. Poy did not come) Cong. Yngoye came I explained to the media which was covering us that when I invited the leaders of the Liberal Party I had wanted a private conference where we could, as Filipinos and for the welfare of our people, agree that neither party (Nationalists or Liberal) would "link-up" with the Communist Party.

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but their refusal to attend indicated that the Siberos were in on the deal to "look-up" with the Communists through Sen. Aquino.

We also prepared affidavits of the NPA surrenderees and captured personnel implicating Sen. Aquino.

I also attested all these papers.

This morning the Defense Establishment through the ^{at} Executive Committee of the National Security Council gave a briefing on OPTAH SAGITTARIUS.

This noon I talked to Mr. Wales, Pres. of the American Chamber of Commerce on their problems of parity, the Instaweco and retail trade exes.

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Approved Civil Service Rules, signed

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Delegate Calayog with mayor and councilors
of Sum, Kaluyi - Gpayo.

The tension and apprehensions are still
high.

I had to state during this afternoon interview

that:

1. The link-up of the Liberal Party and the Communist Party would constitute a threat that we would have to assess in a new light.
2. The Communists have attempted to infiltrate the office of the SMD and the AFP.
3. The Communists have doubled their armed strength in the last six months.