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Things have moved according to plan although out of the total 200 target personalities in the plan only 52 have been arrested, including the three senators, Aquino, Diokno and Duterte and Chino Rocas and Teddy Socasin.

At 7:15 PM I finally appeared on a nationwide TV and Radio broadcast to announce the proclamation of martial law, the general orders and instructions.

I place them in Envelope XXXV-C.

I was supposed to broadcast at 12:00 AM but technical difficulties prevented it. We had closed all TV stations. We had to clear KBS which broadcast it live. VOP and PBS broadcast it by radio nationwide.

The broadcast turned out rather well. And Mrs. Garcia as well as the usual friends liked it. But my most exacting critic, Imelda, found it impressive. I watched the replay at 9:00 PM.

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I have amended curfew from 8-6 to
12-4.

Arms bearing outside residence without
permit punishable by death.

Kito Tatal read the proclamation, the orders
and the instructions after my talk.

Have started checking on Zone Commanders.
Gen. Encarnacion of the IV does not seem to have
been systematic. He still talks of some people like
Mayor Cabilo criticizing the proclamation of martial
law as premature although grudgingly extending
cooperation under Gen. Aba No 3 for all offices
to continue functioning.

Talked to Jase and Bryson. Jase was
but I arrested the opposites, no martial law
And called up see Romulo and Amb. Romulo
before here. New York Times at least was overhauled
and spoke of martial law after the attempt of assassi-
nation of my Secretary of National Defense.

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Ordered all wire services and ambassadors
to be furnished the speech, proclamation, orders
and instructions.