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Diosno, ^{MANILA} Ciriaco Rocas, Max Soliven etc have filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus before the Supreme Court.

I asked Justices Claudio Teehankee, Antonio Barredo, Felix Makasar and Felix Antonio to see me. They insisted that the government should submit to the Supreme Court for the Court to review the constitutionality of the proclamation of martial law, Proclamation No. 1081.

So I told them in the presence of Secs. Ponce Enrique and Vicente Abad Santos as well as Adl. Gen. Estellito Mandaya that if necessary I would formally declare the establishment of a revolutionary government so that I can formally disregard the actions of the Supreme Court.

They insisted that we retain a color of constitutionality for everything that we do.

But I feel that they are still wage-building and do not understand that a new day has dawned. While they claim to be for a reformed society, they are not too motivated but are too bound by technical legalism.

I have amended both Gen. Orders nos. 1 and 3 to assume all powers of government including legislative and judicial with clearly excluded cases involving the constitutionality of my acts from the jurisdiction of the

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Supreme Court.

I met the cabinet to emphasize the program to reform our society.

And I signed the decree (No. 1) to promulgate the law on the Reorganization of the Government.

Tomorrow I will sign the decrees promulgating the new Civil Service Rules, the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Law, the Land Reform Funding and dismiss some judges, the CTR judges, Public Service Commission.

We have impressed everybody with our fairness by the arrest of Cony. Roque Ablan, Rafael Aquino and Gov Luis Bocalan.

I have ordered profiteers to be arrested.

And the ROTC boys have cleaned up the streets of 'Grifti'.

Only KBS and The Daily Express are operational.

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I just talked to Earl Mayo, the biographer and adviser of Nixon, and his first advice is to immediately meet the press (as soon as possible) and explain that this is not a dictatorship.

See C-P. Romulo, whom I talked to again by long distance, has done a good job of holding press interviews and issuing press releases.