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Friday

The children have a party at Pangarap. Juelda is with them and I am alone at the State Dining Room watching the movie Eye of the Hurricane while writing my diary. (Juelda just arrived)

Just finished all the paperwork that has piled up with the urgency of the calamity and with the third congressional special session about to end on the 1st of September. We have to prepare some compromise bills in a hurry — on public works, to include reconstruction and the authority to borrow, tariff, tax on cigarettes, removal of exemptions and subsidies, amendment of the special highway fund law etc.

This morning I inspected the cemetery at Mendota, Avenida Rizal, J. Alcala Santos and the H. de Pilar — after golf where I scored one under par.

at 12:30 AM I met Director Bugari of the NBI, Cong. Cojuangco and Adrian Cristobal

Col. Bugari reported the results of the investigations on CAA illegal contracts (The Contact contracts for teletype machines: Overpriced and second hand), amount losses on the Cueto killing by Yebuta's opium, the dollars confiscated in the airport should be forfeited, in drugs there is raw intelligence connecting Cong. Paduya, Torres and I directed to a heroin refining center in this area continued surveillance and investigation.

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Cong. Caguinco came to inform me of his success in getting a contract for 40,000 tons of rice from Red Clinic, best bid for cement. I am encouraging better for rice from Red Clinic so that we do not spend any of our much needed dollars.

Adrian Cristobal came to show me a paper on the ideology of the Free Farmers Federation and their ideologues, the Sakasduin headed by former seminarian Ed Garcia (they call father)

looks soplomatic. But although for both Mason and capitalism. And can be used as a basis for study for an acceptable ideology and a program of government.

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This afternoon I met with the congressional leaders, Sen. Pres. Puyat, Senate Floor Leader Talantiano, Sen. Torres, Acting Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee Speaker Villaral and House Floor Leader Marcelino Velasco. The Senate wants to adjourn after the Tariff and Customs, Parks and the tax on cigarettes is approved - to meet in the regular session next January. The House wants the Public Works bill, the amendment of RA 914 at least approved also before adjournment. We are trying to get them to continue working for at least

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a week were. Specially since there is no money for the calamity appropriations and no authority for borrowing abroad. The Foreign Borrowing Act, RA 6142 limits us to borrowing for projects provided for by law (specially the public works act) and no existing public works act authorizes the reconstruction projects nor some of the on-going projects - ergo we cannot borrow for them.

Thus, there would be no money or cash for the Reconstruction or Rehabilitation Program.

and Congress which is supposed to be controlled by our party would be open to the charge of indolence and impotence to meet the crisis occasioned by the floods.

The rest of the world is helping to rehabilitate us. But Congress wants to adjourn and go junketing abroad - the UN the APU, and conferences that are convenient excuses for a visit to the flesh pots of America and Europe.