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Oct. 25, 1972

Wednesday

145,000 guns have been surrendered as of this noon. 70,000⁺ of this came from the III PC Zone, 30,000 of which is good fraggi wicks.

We lost three men in Sanao del Sur when an armored car was ambushed 10 kms northeast of Marawi. The men are now cleaning up the areas outside that city.

So we need the APC's but the one at Balabagan cannot be moved because of unclaimed trouble and there does not seem to be any trailers or prime movers.

Our maintenance must be improved.

Have ordered the arrest of the more highranking Customs men headed by Dixon because the extortion syndicate is still active. Mel Varano who claims relationship to me is included among those to be apprehended tonight.

Cebu will be reorganized and the notorious smugglers detained.

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Oct. 25th (Cont)

I have appointed Commodore Romeo Copalbon as my representative and as Acting Supervisor of the Bureau of Customs in accordance with the policy that officers in the civil government that are critical and affect the security of the state be placed under direct supervision.