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Sept. 27, 1972  
Wednesday

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Met the Bishops Council's Executive Committee of Mons. Havela, Alberto, Mondin and Fr. They promised to help in the reform program and wanted to publish a resolution.

They confidentially gave me information on a Carlos Selles who is supposedly being paid to associate me. He is supposed to be a Panamanian, like a Negro and who suddenly became affluent as he is opening deposit accounts in different banks.

Mr. Vas has traced his residence in Paraguay and we will apprehend him for questioning.

Sec. Abad Santos has prepared a plan to ask the judges to voluntarily resign.

And we will do the same in the Bureau of Customs and the BIR, LTC, CIR and other offices.

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I was interviewed by John Hance and  
Gil Santos of AP

Traced the study of martial law to the  
writing of the book <sup>by</sup> "Today's Revolution - Democracy"  
and my revolution from the top or the center.

Now the present peaceful revolution is a  
legal exercise of force to attain revolutionary objectives

The setting and justification of a proclamation  
of martial law — the awareness to the threat  
in the Digos, Palawan landings, the rise in uncontrolled  
criminality <sup>both</sup> petty and syndicated, the paralyzation  
of government and business in the wake of the  
bombings, ambushes and the kidnappings —  
then the review of the captured documents and  
their reassessment showing that all that was  
happening had been planned a long time ago  
although the criminals were taking advantage of  
the confusion.

And the fundamental requisite of peace and  
order and reform for a new society to be  
created out of the chaos and the helplessness  
that governed everyone.

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Sept. 27th (Cont.)

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Joe de Vorecia suggests a meeting with Gerry Roxas so that the Liberals may cooperate on the reforms. He suggested I write Gerry to a conference tomorrow. But this may involve a compromise of our strong no-exception stance. So I have not accepted the suggestion.

Everybody is saying how neatly the peaceful revolution was accomplished. John France told Jaulder "you did not expect it to be so neatly done."

Well it be said by history that the communist threat was just a legal justification for a legal use of force.  
Then let it also be said that it was a constitutional revolution - and that it was necessary to reform society - to convert a "sick society" into the "New Society."