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Imelda is going to Moscow, Spain and London.

London to visit the children. We have some problems with Irene who wants to pursue acting career apparently. Her mother has a dim view of her intentions to accept the offer of the lead role in "The Diary of Anne Frank" to be presented by Repertoire Philippines at the Cultural Center.

Then she attends the wedding of Alfonso de Bourbon to Carmencita Franco Villaverde, the granddaughter of Generalissimo Franco of Spain.

After which she accepts the invitation of the Russian government to visit Moscow and see the Bolshoi Ballet.

Actually this will mean the beginning of the dialogue for diplomatic relations with Russia & will be (the visit of Imelda) another diplomatic coup.

I have been looking into the possible purchase of a twin engine Bell 212 helicopter. I'll place the papers in Envelope XVI-D

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The Conde de Bustillos, his wife and a Mexican lady who was actually operated on by Aggabao with his bare hands thirteen times (in the right eye, behind the left ear and in the diaphragm etc) swear that they have seen this "miracle" with their own eyes. And many foreigners now go to Baguio to witness this phenomenon. And they believe in it.

We must look into this deeper.

Worked on the problems of resettlement, the Free Trade Zone, highways, Mindanao development, organization of cooperatives etc.

I asked the Board of Pardons and Parole to recommend a two months reprieve for the Aquino, Ruiz, Jayme Jose group that had appealed Maggie de la Riva and who are set to be electrocuted Mar. 17th next before Holy Week.

Japan is in the throes of rearming. Attach reports of Amb. Bobby Benedicto.