9:30 AM
after Tina Castillos
wedding

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Imelda has given me a gold zebra necklace which symbolizes September although she says I am a Virgo. But most important — her touching note on our 18th wedding anniversary which I attach.

As my children would say, Hakakainat naman! They (our children) have sent us a cable ~~that~~ that we ~~not~~ worth the 18 years wait? Happy anniversary! Love always.

Mass at the palace where we renewed our vows at 11:30 AM. Lunch at 1:00 PM, napping to 2:30 PM, then the Labor Day speech at 5:55. Golf, Dinner at the State Dining Room where we also viewed the movie "Nicolas and Alexandra"

The movie raised the question of what we should do for our country now.

We could enjoy a comfortable life of contentment and non-involvement in retirement but we would leave a people and a society wasted by violence, corruption and social injustice — a country that will ultimately fall into the hands of the communists.

So once no one else can save the people and the country, we must stake life, honor and fortune once again! This is my dominant thought on our wedding anniversary.