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Friday

The budget was approved last night.

The Progressive Car Manufacturing Program should be decided soon. We stick to five but finally give Universal a chance to prove itself by a Central Bank allocation to see if it can comply with its offer. We give all six one year to comply with all their offers. ~~But~~ We retain the option to cancel all privileges of those who do not.

I have told Tiny Paterno and Angie Simpao this.

We must push through the Greater Manila Food Terminal Market.

In the meeting with Sugar men Fred Elizalde and Adi Sison as well as Bobby Benedicto I told them I was mad about the fact that the sugar people still demand ₱68 per picul when all they were demanding through Pedring Montelibano was ~~₱58~~ from ₱49 of the PSC. Tony Roxas Clua wants a 25% increase from the 90 centavos price for brown sugar set by PCC I am studying this.

There is a cry for sugar everywhere. Imelda who has just come from Laguna de Bay including Rizal Province

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and Pateros) says this is also the cry of the people there.

And we must decide if we will renounce part (150,000 tons?) of our quota. If we will have a shortage next year, this year would be the time to renounce it as we have a valid reason — the floods.

I also reminded Adi Arsjon and Bobby Benedicto of the promise of the Fertilizer Institute that it would lower the fertilizer prices if the PNB restructured its loans which the PNB did.

Tonight at 6:10 PM, we were able to host down about a billion pesos of local and foreign sources for our rehabilitation program.

I have ordered the release of the funds needed for August.

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I told Bongbong and Irene the situation in which we are — the fact that we are now fighting for survival; that whether I retire or not our family is in danger of liquidation from either the communists or our political enemies; that if I retire I would be forced to fight for our lives because the communists are growing stronger and would be much stronger without me as President; rather than fight a defensive or losing battle later, I would rather fight now by taking over the government by a proclamation of Martial Law; but that such a proclamation would succeed if the people are with us and the people will be with us if the new government is a reform government and we are all exemplars of the new society; so they, the children, must so conduct themselves that they will not antagonize the people

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The arrests in Angeles City further con
the support of the Communists by the Red
Chinese government

The literature discovered could have be
printed only in the mainland