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I directed more troops into Dignyo once the estimate of enemy strength is 500 men: 100 NE Dignyo under Comdr Dencio (Victor Corpus) another 100 N Dignyo and 300 coming from direction of Ilagan. So at equivalent strength government troops should be 500. At the anti-guerilla ratio of government troops to guerillas of 4-1, the government should be 2,000 at least. I attach copy of order

Two senators (Perez and Aquino) visited the Dignyo creek. I attach the reports on the visit.

I also attach situation reports from Gen Espino and Capt Dalipe, liaison officer of PSU at Palawan.

The movement and coordination is still very sloppy. is still slow
St. de Leon of the Rangers is still at the shoreline and has not linked up with Lt Santos who is being resupplied by helicopter and has no radio contact with ACP. And there is no diesel fuel for the tugboats used as transportation of the troops from Didadongan to Dignyo. Some of the marines from the company are still in Vigan and Tuguegarao. Only one helicopter is available to airlift the troops to Dignyo.

Planning and reaction slow and weak.

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I also attach two reports assessing the documents captured by TF Saranay in Bo. Tarrupang, Cordon, Isabela containing the NPA Regional Plan of Action for 1972.

I suggests more troops for TF Saranay and possible Martial Law.

Luncheon Conference on Calamity Legislation and the entire legislative program with the legislative leaders.