10:00 P.M.

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At "The Big Antique" Sept. 17, 1972
MALACAÑAN PALACE Sunday
or "Ang Kahariha"
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We escaped the loneliness of the palace for this old Castilian house now known as Ang Kahariha, the State Guest House several blocks from the palace. It has been restored beautifully by Imelda and is a symbol of Philippine culture in the last century. Almost all our antique valuables have been transferred here.

The departure of our children has made the palace a ghastly unbearable place.

I took a long nap (4:30 - 7:30 P.M.) on the room of Bongbong which has the worst bed (bejuco) and the lumpiest mattress.

And after an early simple dinner of sardines and pancit, I was able to browse in the library where to my delight I discovered the books I have been wanting to read for some time — including Fitzsimmons, The Kennedy Doctrine, Sorensen's The Kennedy Legacy, The Dirty Wars edited by Donald Johnson (Cosmos of the principles and lessons outmoded), Days of Fire by Emanuel Celler (The Secret History of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Making of Israel, Chou-en-lai by Kai-Yu Hsu, Room 39 by Donald McLachlan (The room of the British Naval Intelligence in WW II), The History of the World in the 20th Century by Wells, Spencer and Brown.

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I have invited the Liberal Party leaders (at least ten of their hierarchy) to come to the palace on Sept 19th to be informed of what we have on the negotiations and agreements between the Nacionalista and the Liberal's.

The Liberal head, Sen. J. Roxas, issued a demand for me to point out the Liberal negotiating with the Communists, knowing full well that I refer to Sen. Aquino, his opponent for leadership in the party and wanting to disqualify Aquino by my own action.

But the Liberals should not get out of this that easily.

For some of the other leaders have been dealing with the Communists — Pedro, Yap, Filipe, Dy, Pendatun, Sucwan etc.

Antonio Zumel, news editor of the Bulletin had an explanation of his Pedro Casia activities in Today's paper. He adopts an aggressive stance of hurt innocence!

I received the report on the 7,400 cases of dynamite apprehended in del Pan Bridge by the BOSAC

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under Maj. Cruz, son of Maj. Gen. Pelagio Cruz, the ASAC chief. I ordered the dynamite impounded notwithstanding the claim of [illegible] for it.

The Air Manila plane was apparently bombed at 4:40 AM yesterday by a grenade in a valise with incendiary bombs over Romblon, prepared to ditch because of the right engine being out of commission from the grenade blast but was able to limp up to Foxes City where it landed at about 5:00 AM in the dark with nothing except the landing lights to guide it. Capt. Samonte the Captain of the plane did a good job and was lucky.

I have checked on the plans of the delegations I am sending to the IMF, the UN and other international conferences.