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Spent practically the whole afternoon up to about 8:00 PM with the military, Gens. Jan, Cruz, Ileto, Garcia, Tomale, Sabalones, Ordoñez, Col. Versoza, Brig. Gen. Pogoncano with Eric Mendoza who is a former jet pilot recruited because of daring and helping in the location of Dante and Arthur Garcia whom the captives he met after the claim that the (Garcia) was killed by Dante, were also here. Gen. Pogoncano is disturbed by my statement to him that his bodyguards are Dante's men. So he is helping through Mendoza in the campaign to locate Dante.

We mapped out the plans in the event of the massive sabotage of the city and the public utilities. Transferred some of the armor to Central Luzon. They crossed Dante by a few hours in Capas the other day.

But we have five companies reserve for the Quetzcom which has 1,339 men — one company each from the navy service and one from GHQ. Then there are two HD's in Malacañang, two in Camp Crame and one in Camp Dangwa. The different brigades are forming up. In the event of an emergency, the PA can organize two more complete battalions with equipment in Fort Mcpherson and Cebu for the rapid training.

Our underwriters assessment is that the subversives have no capability of mounting an attack of company proportion and probably will not but are capable of small scale harassment, sabotage and liquidation which capability should also be eradicated.

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Cocay reports that the people have faith in my capability to solve the problems we face.

Alan Jr claims Vic Villafranca whom he says is in his payroll will be the publisher of the Catholic newspaper for which a million dollars worth of printing machinery has been ordered. Villafranca is looking for an editor.

Benny Toda of PAT is allegedly organizing an intelligence team under Col. Hernandez former J-2, to research on the administration — in retaliation for my open stand policy.

These rich people are back to their old tricks to protect their rights.

The new monetary policy seems to be received well. We will see how the market is tomorrow.