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Dr. Barbero called me up at 5:00 PM
Jeddah time to inform me they have signed
the ceasefire communique and re about
to initial the agreement = general.
I told him to befriend Gen Umari
and to establish a line of communication
with him so that he can confer with Gen
or his representatives without the Libyans.
It is my intention to organize a commission
on Muslim Affairs & appoint Gen one of the
commissioners if necessary give him a Cabinet
post without portfolio to handle the aid
from Muslim countries. I want his cooperation.

At 9:30 PM I called a conference
with Gen Ver, Lt Gen Dy CSP the Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief
of Staff, G-2 (Brig Gen Ruiz), G-3, Chief of Constabulary,
Gen Garcia Southern Command Chief, Director of
NICA and PC to order a ceasefire and
cessation of military operations against the MNLF.

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This order does not cover operations against the NPA and CPP or their front organizations.

But I also ordered intelligence operations to be intensified including penetration of MNLF higher leadership through both armed bands and civilian administrators.

And the promulgation of a local government code.

Clarification of the status of local security units like CHDF, Strike Forces, Police etc as parts of the Armed Forces and therefore under the Commander-in-Chief of the AFP which means ~~of~~ this is necessary because the inclusion of the ambiguity in ~~part~~ in 8 which reads: "Special regional security forces are to be set up for the area of the autonomy for the teachers of the faith of the Filipinos. The relationship between these forces and the national security forces shall be fixed later." This amends the agreement that local security forces will be under the AFP chain of command.