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Want to sleep last night at 3:30 AM because Imelda was restless and agitated. Woke up at 10:00 AM.

Called up Sec. V. Abad Santos on the de la Cámara case pending before Judge Ruaga of Butuan City so that Sec. Abad Santos may by administrative order transfer all criminal cases for crimes committed within the jurisdiction of the new province of Agusan del Sur. This would transfer the de la Cámara case to a court other than Judge Ruaga's who is prejudiced against de la Cámara and according to Sec. Abad Santos even conspired to have de la Cámara killed. Judge Ruaga lives like a king. He has a big house in Masasi and lives it up in Butuan. He ordered a million pesos, more, bail bond for de la Cámara. And notwithstanding the decision of the Supreme Court refuses to honor it.

So de la Cámara has misgivings about surrendering to Judge Ruaga. He would rather go back to the mountains where his tribe is and accomplish the mission we have for him in the NPA.

Then I talked to Cong. Yñiguez to talk to Judge Ruaga to follow the administrative order to transfer all the criminal cases of Agusan del Sur to that province. He claims he has lost control

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of Judge Ruiz who is now arrogant, refused to see Cong. Yniguez the last time the latter went to his house, but he will make one last effort next Saturday.

Worked on the position paper for the U.S.-Phil. Air Agreement negotiations in Washington at the end of the month. We reject the Bermuda principle to the effect that the airline operators can fly any number of flights in the route and carry any number of passengers. We maintain the power of the local CAB to control flights and passengers.

This noon the Mangalapus committee on Electoral Suffrage voted down by 19-14 the motion to delete from the report the Bar-Maceda provision. But there are still at least five who had not voted or deserted and have up to about 10:00 AM to cast their votes. The Boys, Bibit Duavit, Baby Laverna and Yenga are working on Abe Sarmiento through Jimmy Opinion, Borra through Nuño de Vega; Jalosjos Ozamiz through Feling Nieto. They are optimistic.

But it really does not matter since the question has to be brought to and decided on the floor of the convention.

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The way the media and the political opposition has jumped on us and criticized us on all the issues raised against us. Talantino the Nacionalista majority floor leader of the Senate has turned against us on the transfer of funds.

Sen. Aquino is as irresponsible as ever, treacherous and openly subversive. In the Senate he has falsely charged that [illegible] one half of PSI at the other airlines. The revelations of de la Camara incite me fear for our safety as a nation and as individuals.

I am now convinced that even if we retire peacefully we will be hunted and killed by the Communists or the political opposition.

So there may be no other option but to wait until the Communists start their urban operations making it necessary to declare martial law.