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Some people asked me why I have given away my earthly possessions & mirrorically answered that I did not need them but that the people did. But I have been asking myself why has the world become so vile so materialistic, so dirty. All is ingratitude, selfish and mudslying. Why is there no more tenderness — all sex? Why is there no more charity — all malice? Even the clergy has become self-centered. They do not sacrifice for sacrifice' sake but for self-glorification like the seven bishops who had their appeal to me published in the front pages of the metropolitan dailies. If their motivation was sincere they could have come to me first — but their promises were all lies. The worst part is their malice. False I hope from ignorance not malice.

During the war in some critical phase of a battle I always asked myself what could I do which others dare not do but which would change the tide of battle. And after the 1965 elections I asked myself this — until I decided that giving myself for the people was the answer.

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This would be exemplary. No one else dares to do it.
It will change the tide of the times.
Instead of pragmatism — compassion.
Instead of words — deeds.
Instead of self — the nation & humanity.

And I gather this has been the effect in the capitals of the world.
Satisfying but a moral exertion so I am not myself dragged into self-glorification.
I remember after the war I concealed every thing about my medals. I wish I could do a similar anonymity now.

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Finished the ~~San Antonio~~ MALACAÑANG MANILA Papers. Awaiting more difficult ~~the~~ thought

Princess Tarhata Kiram and boy husband tonight on their abbreviated honeymoon gave me a memo and their wish to deal directly with the Phil Govt and their wish to deal directly with the Phil Govt — As always they also then the asked for pocket money

Birthday party for the Romualdezes who are in San Juan (Cuba) Met Alote Romualdez Marcel who is now ~~>~~ the all had an electrocardiograph. all on the substantial side ~~now~~ time. Poor Dita had a tough time.

Boni Serrano just died from a heart attack have to go and see his body in Camp Crame chapel tomorrow.

Had D. Chamberlain to check me — all blood pressure after golf — 112/50 7:00 PM well my D. Chamberlain has been called to Tokyo & again - friend from hypoglycemia (no sugar in the blood) Bad luck!! He is recovering.

Tomorrow, the politburo prisoners are released. Have ordered that they be placed under surveillance. The Bekins ~~trained~~ trained Filipinos organized a San Pagbi Army - Paiba under Arthur Garcia.

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On collecting the reactions to my disposal of all my properties to the people.

Some are sentimentals, superficials (Palrongis. Ones love to repeat those vanity dictated words) Grandes —

I fear for our country. There is not one among the younger generation whom we can build up as President. Among the reactionistas, yet despite the old Palantino background of Pedrosa, the Liberals Roxas is a weakling Aquino is a congenital liar, a braggart and a compadrismo chatter-box, Quezon is brainless, Salonga is petty pompous sanctimonious grand