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Jan. 7, 1972

Friday

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Ayala House at 9:15 A.M. Before that had breakfast with Sen. Barry Goldwater Sr. and his son Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr, brought by Ambassador Byroade by helicopter (our helicopter) from the airport (From 8:00 - 9:15 A.M.)

Then awarding of the prizes in the PACD - Seato barrio development contest among the 33,661 barrios first prize went to Hapao, Bauguio, Ilocos Norte.

Inasmuch as the prices seem to be coming up, we have closed the contract for 60% of the 300,000 tons of rice imported with the balance of 40% in cash (we are asking to negotiate the terms of the cash portion.

Exercised again this afternoon as I have felt no pain and I could stand up the whole day on the new pair of shoes made by Frankie Teodoro (Aug 7 boy) for me.

And now taking Colchicine four times a day with 3 aspirin tablets and 3 soda mint (6 alkalize

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my wine)

Then met Sec Tanco on the conservation program for forestry, the financing of the rice production program (are leave ₱208 million ~~for~~ to be generated from the sale of still unsold RCA rice) and his resignation after May. I asked him to get a good undersecretary first.

I enclose his letter and my notes on the rice purchase.

He assured me he has not gambled in any casino as claimed by the rumour mongers. Woman maybe but not dishonestly.

We are going to divide the country into big zones so that there may be forest reserves where no settlers may go in and reforestation can be practiced hard.

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In the texts for the Inaugural Mass this morning I spoke of man pushing the frontiers of natural science leaving behind the true progress in social and political science as man seems to attain peace and unity.

And in the Barrio Development Conference I spoke of the need to go deep into the needs of the barrios to answer the nagging questions of reform and a more equitable society

I mentioned the Central Bank report