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June 4, 1972

Tuesday

MALACAÑAN PALACE

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Met the Executive Committee of the National Security Council at 11:00 AM on the agenda for the Friday National Security Council meeting.

Worked on the papers in my study.

Talked to Sen. Jose Roy on party matters. We now must choose the man to develop for national leadership. I mentioned the names of Sens. Tolentino, Padilla, Pelaez, Tañadlang, Puyat, Perez, Laurel etc.

Met Sen. Tolentino for dinner. I asked him to hold himself available without declaring his candidacy. And he must strengthen himself within the party. So that we can assess the situation by December.

For I feel that with the money of Sen. Pres. Ld Puyat and the Pres. Fernando faction, they may win the convention of the Nacionalista Party. But they have no chance in the elections of 1973.

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Since the proposals of the Constitutional Convention, no matter what it is, will probably be rejected by the people in a plebiscite, then the dominance of the two parties, NP and LP, will continue. Each of the two parties will have an inspector.

So the official candidacy of each party will be important.

I will now meet with the various leaders of the party so that we can get them to unite and support our programs.