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9:30 A.M. - Visit of His Royal Highness the ruler of Negri Sembilan and Her Consort (of Malaysia, the LBJ Kampon is in his state)

We will export 100,000 tons of sugar more than our basic quota of 1,126,000 tons as our new mills (7 now producing and five now abuilding) and new sugar areas start production. This means we have exceeded two million tons of sugar this year — for the first time in our history. 600,000 tons of sugar are set aside for domestic production.

In the next year we will produce our quota (deficiency of 400,000 tons). But the sugar act which gives our share of 47% of the deficiency of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (400,000 tons estimated) lapses next year. So we must now work to extend the present law. The Rockefeller mission to South America to look into how the U.S. can help the Latin Americas has recommended that any increase in consumption requirements of the United States should be given to the Latin Americans. The increase per year is about 200,000 tons.

I have directed the Sec of Foreign Affairs to do some preliminary work. I have asked them to invite Cong. Poage of Texas, Chairman of the House Com on Agriculture to see Phil. to talk to the Senate chairman.

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The French have notified the Japanese that they will not ship out any of their nickel ore from New Caledonia but want a loan of ₱120 million for nickel refineries to be built in New Caledonia. The Japanese offered a joint venture and the French refused.

So we can come in and offer our ore. My attention was called to this by an alien expert.

But like the French I would like the refineries to be built here in the Philippines and owned by Filipinos. And Ramirez has not made good this part of their contract in Bonoc ~~Isago~~ Parcel II. We must look into this.

We must also put up sugar refineries.

The stocks have rebounded back. Gold ~~in~~ Atlas which is ₱19 3/4 in the US is ₱170 in the Philippines. There was a general increase of about 30%.