



APPENDIX 4.11

MARCOS DIARY ENTRY, 11 OCTOBER 1972

Another meeting with Justice Fred Ruiz Castro is actually only a minor detail in this entry. The bulk of it is about consolidating forces against the secessionists in the south and subversion in the north, and, after claiming that the Lopezes have relatives of justices in their payroll, Marcos focuses on his propaganda efforts abroad, specifically via Richard Critchfield in the United States.

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Oct. 11, 1972

Wednesday

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

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We ended up with Cong. Salipada Padanan reiterating support for my program and agreeing to lead a mission to contact Ex. Gov. Udtog Matalam where MIM forces have started the fighting to come to see us in Manila. But we have to stop the operations of the AFP against his band in the meantime.

And, Dato Afilar Ampatuan will contact the two Saughi brothers, Abdallah and Bahant and son A to also come and see us. So too with the old man Dato Fudanday who has apparently joined Dato Udtog Matalam. The Dismaninba band which threatening Davao is composed of outlaws and will have to be destroyed.

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Met Comg Arce's details of Lagras and Edilberto Cuyangco of Tarlac. They report 105 armed men have gone up the mountains in Lagras and their transit point to Panay where they have contact with some other subversives is through Pri- maras through a certain Jayme. We will mount a special intelligence and search and destroy operations.

They also showed a telegram of Sugar Administrator Jose Unson for all sugar people or planters and millers to pass their sugar through the Producers Cooperative controlled by Ex- Sec. Alfredo Montelibano by a voting trust agreement who is apparently trying to corner the sugar market. I have called all planters and millers next Wednesday at 10:30 AM so I can organize a government sugar Commission to handle exports and domestic sales.

I met Justice Fred Ruiz Castro. He has told the Chief Justice of my request that there be no direct confrontation between me and the Supreme Court. Justice Castro called attention to the fact that in all the cases they have studied, the U.S. Supreme Court decided the cases after martial law was over. I believe they will do this.

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