



APPENDIX 4.17

MARCOS DIARY ENTRY, 29 JANUARY 1973

Marcos here seems assured that his cooptation of the judiciary, which began back in 1971 with *Lansang*, was coming to a close. The specialist in commercial law—his award-winning law school thesis was titled “The Power of the National Assembly to Amend, Alter, or Repeal Corporate Charters Under the Philippine Constitution” (Marcos 1939a, 1939b)—still knew how to make deals in his favor.

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