



APPENDIX 4.8

MARCOS DIARY ENTRY, 18 SEPTEMBER 1971

Marcos here lists his enemies, making it seem that he is embattled on all fronts—members of the media, communists and communist front organizations, and members of the military who “are not enthusiastic about the suspension of the privilege of the writ,” and chastises the people for their lack of vocal opposition to (communist-led) revolution. Then, Justice Fred Ruiz Castro seems to indicate that the Court might not be in his favor.

Source

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 Sept. 18, 1971
 Saturday

MALACAÑAN PALACE
 MANILA

9.30 AM

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1931
Sept 15th (Cont)

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

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