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TAGS: PGDV, PINS, ASEC, CASC, RP  
SUBJ: SITREP 25: ATTEMPTED COUP IN MANILA, AS OF 1515  
DECEMBER 3.

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2. AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CATALINO  
MACARAIG AT ABOUT 1100 AND INFORMED HIM THAT WE HAD

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PERMISSION TO PROVIDE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FROM CLARK AIR BASE. MACARAIG SAID HE APPROVED OF THIS, AND ALSO ENDORSED RAMOS' IDEA OF SUPPLIES FOR CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES. HE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THERE WILL BE A CABINET MEETING THIS AFTERNOON AT THE PALACE.

3. THE AMBASSADOR THEN CALLED CARDINAL SIN TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS HOMILY THIS MORNING URGING THE REBELS TO SURRENDER AND THE PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT, ADDING THE STATEMENT WILL REALLY HELP TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THE CARDINAL THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR U.S. SUPPORT, STATING THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL. HE URGED THAT THE U.S. NOT ABANDON THE PHILIPPINES.

4. SIN ADDED THAT THE AQUINO ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY IN THE PHILIPPINES, BUT THAT THERE ARE ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO WANT TO DESTROY THE DEMOCRATIC WAY. HE STATED FURTHER THAT THE REPORTS HE IS RECEIVING FROM CHURCH OFFICIALS IS THAT THE REBEL RESISTANCE IS SOFTENING. HE SAID THAT A PARISH PRIEST AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH IN SUBURBAN MANILA FED A 150 REBEL TROOPS LAST NIGHT WHO HAD NOT EATEN IN TWO DAYS. SIN SAID THE TROOPS WERE YOUNG AND IDEALISTIC AND HAD BEEN MISLEAD. HE ADDED THAT HE IS GETTING FEELERS FROM SOME REBELS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

5. JUSMAG CONFIRMS WITH AFP DEPUTY J-3 THAT CAMP AGUINALDO IS SECURE. HOWEVER, THERE IS STILL FIGHTING IN THE WHITE PLAINS AREA BEHIND IT. TAGALOG RADIO REPORTS GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE INVOLVED IN A FIREFIGHT WITH TWO REBEL MARINE BATTALIONS ON EDSA BETWEEN CAMP CRAVE AND CAMP AGUINALDO. REBEL TROOPS ARE ALSO REPORTED IN THE GREENHILLS AREA, ENTERING PRIVATE RESIDENCES ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE.

6. U.S. CITIZENS IN MAKATI REPORT GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE SETTING UP A ROADBLOCK AT EDSA AND GIL PUYAT AVENUE (FORMERLY BUENDIA). EMBOFF CONFIRMS THAT THE ROADBLOCK INCLUDES ONE SCORPION TANK. TWO DOZEN GOVERNMENT TROOPS REQUESTED ENTRY INTO NORTH FORBES PARK IN MAKATI AND THREATENED TO SHOOT GUARDS UNLESS THE GATE IS OPEN. THERE

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ARE ALSO REPORTS OF AMBULANCES AND 6X6 TRUCKS RESUPPLYING  
THE REBELS WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITION.  
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