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Summary:

Minister Park briefs Minister Cho on the 250 million dollars economic development loan provided in the reparations agreement, possibility of the revision of the US-PI bases agreement, and the establishment of an atomic energy research center in Quezon City.

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Your Excellency:

The radio message which arrived on the evening of July 19, expressing Your Excellency's sympathy regarding the recent heavy floods in northern Luzon Province, was transmitted to Acting Foreign Secretary Raul S. Manglapus the following morning. Acting Secretary Manglapus has been asked by President Garcia to stay at his post until the latter has decided on who would be the former's successor.

Last July 17, I paid a courtesy call on former Minister to Korea Tomas de Castro who is at present Counselor on Political Affairs. Minister de Castro is reported to be one of those being considered for the post of Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs in view of Acting Secretary Manglapus' resignation.

The Anti-Subversion Act or Anti-Red Act passed by Congress in the last session, which outlaws the Communist Party and allied organizations as well as imposes heavy penalties for membership in such organizations, went into effect at midnight of July 19.

The Philippine bankers' mission to Tokyo, headed by Mr. Alfonso Calalang, president of the Security Bank and Trust Co., has presented a draft of a tentative agreement on the \$250 million economic development loan provided for in the reparations agreement between the Philippines and Japan. The mission has urged President Garcia to approve the tentative agreement which has been signed by the president of the Export-Import Bank of Japan and the members of the bankers' mission. It is reported that President Garcia will take up the bankers' report and recommendation with the Cabinet members.

In answer to the strongly worded note sent last June 28 by Acting Foreign Secretary Manglapus to the U.S. Embassy demanding the return of ex-sailor George E. Roe who is now facing charges of physical injuries before a Philippine court, the U.S. government declared bluntly that it is impossible to return Roe to the Philippines since there is no extradition treaty between the United

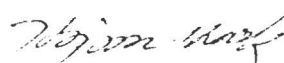
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States and the Philippines. In the other case of Sgt. Roy O. Cook of the U.S. Air Force, now facing charges of damage to property through reckless imprudence in traffic, it was made clear in a note from the U.S. Embassy that the U.S. government could not share the Philippine government's view that the 1947 US-PI bases agreement required the base commander to surrender an erring serviceman connected with a reservation. The Philippine government has demanded that Cook be placed within reach of a Manila court. In this connection, it is being strongly considered by high authorities of the Philippine government to take steps in negotiating for the conclusion of an extradition treaty between the two countries and the revision of the US-PI bases agreement.

A plan for the establishment of an atomic energy research and training center in Quezon City, near Manila has been taken up during a conference of Colombo Plan nations in Washington, D.C. The conference agreed that the report would be submitted to individual governments for their consideration and that comments on the plan would be submitted to the U.S. government before October 1. Of the 11 nations which attended the conference, the Philippines, Japan, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and Burma were reportedly in favor of the plan while India, with Ceylon and Cambodia following its lead, was outspokenly opposed to having the center in Manila. Pakistan favors de-centralized nuclear centers instead of one big center in Manila, and Indonesia is lukewarm to the whole idea. Britain, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand have not committed themselves but are, according to reports, waiting to see if the Asian nations are conclusively for the center. The United States is willing to put up \$1 million which is one-fourth of the operating expenses of the proposed center.

I have the honor to enclose a newspaper clipping from the July 20 issue of the Manila Bulletin, of President Rhee's statement regarding the withdrawal of American and U.N. troops from South Korea if the Chinese and Russian Communists leave North Korea.

With renewed sentiments of loyalty,



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