Talked to Macio by telephone late last night. Gist of conversation indicated that Macio and President Sheeh have just had a conference with General MacArthur. Macio repeatedly stressed his desire that I convey to Department in strongest terms his urgent recommendation that the plan presumably to be recommended by General MacArthur to the JCS be supported. During the conversation, he said: "It is absolutely essential that we adopt the bold plan without further delay. It is essential that a master stroke be carried out, the sooner the better". He also said that an all-out effort is necessary if the situation is to be saved.

He inferred that communication by telephone was most difficult and obviously is being tapped or jammed. Much of the conversation was, for security reasons, carried out in double-talk, but it is clear that Macio was bending every effort to make me understand his recommendation that full support be given to General MacArthur's recommendations. He also spoke of having "rough time" today by reason of having been spotted by "our friends", but said that all are well.