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Reftel 08. Agrarian Reform. Since defeat Milton Campos (committee-approved version) bill July 24, no further steps taken in Camara itself toward adoption of a bill. Voting as required Camara regulations MC was on original version MC bill still pending as of July 31 but boycott Camara by UDN and some PDS sympathizers has blocked final disposition X(July 31 vote was 132-18). Prospects for its passage continue to be practically nil. PSD-PTB negotiations on PSD bill at apparent standstill. UDN keeping MC bill on docket in hopes attracting PSD support if no agreement can be reached with PTB. Although this remote possibility now, ~~ERE~~ PTB suspicions of a PSD-UDN deal, inflamed by PTB extreme leftists, poisoning bargaining atmosphere. PTB to decide at Aug. 1 party meeting if PSD bill is acceptable. Latest speculation is that PSD-PTB may drop insistence on constitutional reform for time being and present agrarian reform bill acceptable to majority. Constitutional reform issue would be thrashed out later.

Will report immediately text any agreed bill with liklihood passage.

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