

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 254

AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 246 DATED 25 OCTOBER 1991
CREATING A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE AND DETERMINE ALL THE
FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL
ACT OR INVOLVEMENT OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN A
FRAUDULENT TRANSACTION WITH WESTINGHOUSE

I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The third paragraph of Administrative Order No. 246 dated 25 October 1991 creating a Committee to investigate and determine all the facts and circumstances regarding the alleged illegal act or involvement of certain financial institutions in a fraudulent transaction with Westinghouse is hereby amended to read, as follows:

"For the purpose of the investigation, the Committee is hereby authorized to take testimony or receive evidence relevant to the investigation (*Francia vs. Pecson*, 87 Phil. 100; *Carmelo vs. Ramos*, 6 SCRA 836), which includes the power to administer oaths, summon witnesses, and require the production of documents by subpoena duces tecum pursuant to Section 37, Chapter 9, Book I of the 1987 Administrative Code."

SEC. 2. A paragraph is hereby added after the sixth paragraph of Administrative Order No. 246 reading, as follows:

"The expenses that may be incurred by the Committee shall be charged against the appropriate funds of the Presidential Committee on the Philippine Nuclear Power Plant, subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing requirements."

SEC. 3. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 25th day of November, in the year Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

Corazon C. Aquino

By the President:

Franklin M. Drilon
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Executive Secretary