

MALACAÑANG,
MANILA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 49

CREATING A FACT FINDING COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED ANOMALIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DUTCH RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, there have been allegations of anomalies in the disposition and implementation by the Department of Agrarian Reform of the P520 Million Dutch Rural Development Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine the veracity of said allegations in order that the appropriate corrective measures be undertaken.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Fact-Finding Committee ("Committee") for the purpose of investigating alleged anomalies and determining all the facts and circumstances regarding the implementation of the P520 Million Dutch Rural Development Assistance Program.

Section 2. The Committee shall be composed of:

- a. Undersecretary Jose C. Medina - Chairman;
- b. Three (3) Representatives from the Department of Agrarian Reform, as members;
- c. Three (3) representatives from the Department of Justice, as members.

Section 3. The Committee is hereby granted the powers of an investigating body under Section 37, Chapter 9, Book I of the Administrative Code of 1987, including the power to summon witnesses, administer oath, take testimony or evidence relevant to the investigation, and to issue compulsory processes to produce documents, books, records and such other matters, in the performance of its functions.

Section 4. The Secretary of Agrarian Reform shall establish a Secretariat for the technical and staff support of the Committee.

Section 5. All the departments, bureaus, offices, agencies or instrumentalities including government owned or controlled corporations are hereby directed to extend such assistance and

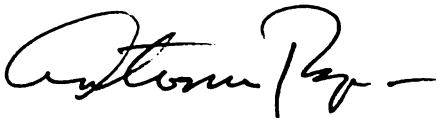
cooperation as the Committee may need in the discharge of its functions.

Section 6. The Committee shall submit its findings and recommendations to the President of the Philippines within a period of thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 23rd day of April in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three.



By the President:



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