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SUBJECT: Banning the Cutting of Bamboo
in Laguna and Rizal Provinces.

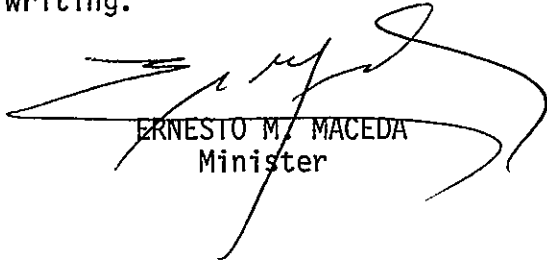
Of late, reports have reached this Office that there is at present an unabated illegal cutting of bamboo in the Provinces of Calamba and Rizal. What is sad about these reports is that these illegal activities are going on under the very noses of those who are supposed to prevent the same from occurring. The reports state further that the cutting activities are being undertaken by people who have not been issued the necessary authority or permit to undertake such activity. What makes the matter worse is that these unscrupulous persons even have the protection of local politicians and police authorities in their areas of operations.

Needless to state, this indiscriminate cutting of bamboos in the aforementioned Provinces adds to the serious depletion of our vegetative cover, which in turn upsets ecological balance in the locality and results in flooding and soil erosion.

In view of the foregoing consideration, all activities related to cutting of bamboo in the Provinces of Laguna and Rizal are hereby suspended.

Strict observance of this ban is enjoined and any violation of this Order shall be dealt with severely, including outright cancellation of the affected permits and imposition of other penalties.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until lifted in writing.


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