



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Natural Resources  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Diliman, Quezon City

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SPECIAL ORDER )  
No. 320 :  
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SUBJECT: Reorganizing the Screening Committee created by then Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources under Special Order No. 152, s.1972 to execute the decision of the President dated August 20, 1957 in DNR Case No. 581 entitled "Tocao, et al. vs. Heirs of Orval Hughes".

1. The decision of the Office of the President in this case, dated August 20, 1957, was sustained by the Supreme Court on September 21 and December 7, 1971. The urgency for the implementation of said decision cannot be over-emphasized as can be gleaned from several directives issued by the Office of the President, this Office and the Director of Lands. Thus, a Screening Committee to implement said decision was constituted under Special Order No. 152, dated May 5, 1972. However, said decision still remains unimplemented up to the present.

In view thereof, Atty. Romulo A. Redula, Chief, Litigation and Investigation Division of this Office, is hereby directed to chair said Committee. As thus reorganized, the Screening Committee shall be composed of the following:

Atty. Romulo A. Redula - - - - Chairman  
Chief, Litigation and  
Investigation Division, DNR

The Regional Land Director - - - Member  
or his duly authorized  
representative

The PC Provincial Commander - - - Member  
and Provincial PACLAP Chair-  
man or his duly authorized  
representative, Davao City

The Provincial Fiscal and - - - Member  
Provincial PACLAP member  
or his duly authorized repre-  
sentative, Digos, Davao del Sur

The District Land Officer                    - - Member  
Digos, Davao del Sur

Mr. Rodrigo C. Lanche                    - - Stenographer/  
DNR Senior Stenographer                    Records Officer

2. The Committee is hereby directed to convene immediately to review the existing guidelines, consider new methods and strategies in implementing said decision in order to meet existing conditions of the case and possible new developments thereof.

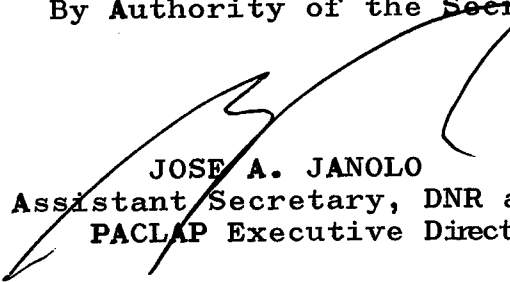
3. The Committee is hereby authorized to administer oath, issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum, summon parties and/or witnesses and take their testimony, secure the assistance of any official or employee of Bureaus/Offices under this Department, the local PACLAP and their facilities, if necessary, to accomplish its mission.

4. The Committee should submit to the undersigned its recommendations and a monthly progress report on the matter.

5. This Order supersedes all other orders inconsistent herewith.

6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

By Authority of the Secretary:

  
JOSE A. JANOLO  
Assistant Secretary, DNR and  
PACLAP Executive Director