



**Republic of the Philippines**  
**Ministry of Natural Resources**  
**OFFICE OF THE MINISTER**  
**Diliman, Quezon City**

SPECIAL ORDER )  
NO. 61 :  
Series of 1981 )

March 11, 1981

SUBJECT : Designating and authorizing Atty. Ramoncito Tolentino, Senior Legal Officer, Legal Service, MNR, assisted by a Bureau of Lands technical man, to confer with the personnel of the Bureau of Lands and the Special Action Coordinating Committee of the Sagip Ilog relative to, and to coordinate a field inspection of, the parcel of public land containing about 1,000 square meters in Bo. Potrero, Malabon, Rizal, covered by Miscellaneous Sales Application No. (IV-1)1902 of Mr. Petronilo Castro.

Records show that on November 25, 1974, Land Examiner Agapito Narvaza conducted an investigation of the parcel of land in Barrio Potrero, Malabon, Rizal, applied for by Petronilo Castro. On December 6, 1974, Agapito Narvaza reported that the said land is inside the alienable and disposable zone, Classification Project No. 15, LCM 630; that the same is suited for residential purposes; and that Petronilo Castro had occupied and improved the land since 1960.

Later, Surveyman-Investigator Amado Arada of the Office of the Highway District Engineer, Bureau of Public Highways, at Pasig, Rizal, inspected the aforesaid land, and, on November 20, 1974, reported that the same is suitable for residential purposes provided that a 10.00 meter strip along the Tullajan River be excluded therefrom. On the basis of Arada's report, the Ministry of Public Highways interposed no objection to Petronilo Castro's application provided that the width of the road abutting the lot shall have the minimum right-of-way reservation in accordance with Executive Order No. 113, series of 1955.


The Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications likewise favorably acted on the application subject to the condition that a 10.00 meter strip of land measured from and along the bank of the Tullajan River be excluded from the lot to provide working space for the maintenance and improvement of the river channel for flood control and drainage purposes.

However, on October 21, 1976, Alfredo Zamora, Chief of the Special Projects Team of the Bureau of Lands and a member of the Special Action Coordinating Committee of the Sagip Ilog reported that the land applied for is a former bed of the Tullajan River and recommended that it be not disposed of to private individuals in consonance with the requirement of the Bureau of Public Works to reserve 10.00 meters strip of land along river banks, but be reserved for flood control development purposes.

In view of the above-noted conflict of reports, Atty. Ramoncito Tolentino, Sr. Legal Officer of the Legal Service, this Ministry, assisted by a Bureau of Lands technical man, is hereby directed, designated and authorized to confer with the personnel of the Bureau of Lands and the SACC of the Sagip Ilog regarding the reports submitted and to coordinate a field inspection to determine the nature and status of the land.

Atty. Tolentino is hereby authorized to administer oath, issue subpoena, subpoena duces tecum, as well as to summon the parties and/or witnesses and to take their testimonies.

He is likewise authorize to seek assistance from any personnel of the Bureau of Lands and other coordinating agencies under this Ministry, if necessary, to accomplish its mission.



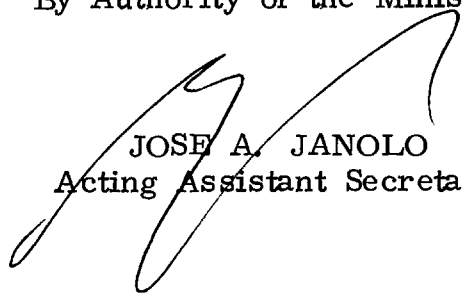
He shall submit his report within thirty (30) days from the termination of the investigation.

All expenses incurred in this investigation shall be charged against the funds of this Office, subject to the usual auditing and accounting regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Diliman, Quezon City.

By Authority of the Minister:



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Acting Assistant Secretary