

January 14, 1983

SPECIAL ORDER:)
NO. 22:
Series of 1983

SUBJECT

Implementation of Memorandum dated December 16, 1982.

In the interest of the service, and pursuant to my memorandum dated December 16, 1982, the following are hereby ordered to proceed on January 25, 1983 to South/North Cotabato to perform the functions/purposes of the Composite Team stated in the herein attached/aforecited memorandum to wit:

1.	Mr. Magin Natividad	-	BL
2.	Engr. Felix Maquinto	-	BL
3.	Bernardo Agaloos Jr.	-	BFD
4.	Fernando Obrero	-	BFD
5.	Cenon Castillo	-	BFD
6.	Atty. Edgar Palay	-	MNR, Legal
7.	Atty. Clark Amante	-	MNR, Legal
8	Delia II Paalan	_	OMIN

Attorney Edgar Palay shall act as the Leader of the Composite Team, with Bernardo Agaloos Jr. and Delia Paalan to act as Assistant Leader and Secretary respectively. The Team shall be responsible for the systematic and smooth planning/execution of its work. If possible, it must accomplish its mission within a period of one month. However, the Team Leader may officially request for an extension, if such period will not suffice to accomplish its task.

The members of the Composite Team and any employee called upon to assist in the carrying of its functions/purposes while out of official station shall be entitled to collect per diems, allowances, and transportation expenses, chargeable against respective Bureaus/Regions/Offices appropriation, pursuant to the provisions of COA Circular No. 127, S. 1973 and subject to accounting rules and auditing regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately amends/revokes/cancels any existing memoranda/order inconsistent herewith.

TEODORO Q. PEÑA Minister

16 December 1982

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO

Director Edmundo V. Cortes

BFD Central Office, Quezon City

Director Ramon Cassanova

Bureau of Lands Manila

All concerned

SUBJECT

Implementation of BFD Administrative Order No. 4-1540-1 dated May 6, 1982 and squatting problems in South Cotabato.

This refers to a land classification under LC Project No. 47-6-1 which was amended by BFD Administrative Order No. 4-1540-1 dated May 6, 1982.

Under No. 4 of said BFD Administrative Order, you have been directed to make the necessary corrections with respect to the exclusion "therefrom the 280 hectares out of the 210 hectares declared therein as alienable and disposable and have it reverted back to timberland and restored to its former status....."

On May 31, 1982, Mr. Virgilio F. Basa, Chief Land Classification Staff BFD, wrote the Director of Lands informing the latter that the above-stated 280 hectares released as A & D under project 47-C-1, was reverted back to the category of forest land "to form part and parcel of the Pasture Lease Agreement No. 2092 of Hacienda San Jose.

In view of the foregoing, and in order to check the alarming inroads of squatters in forest lands and pasture lease areas, you are hereby directed to perform the following:

- 1. To instruct the District Forester concerned to implement BFD Administrative Order No. 4-1540-1 dated May 6, 1982 and also to implement Exsecretary Jose Leido, Jr.'s memorandum dated May 13, 1981 stating the PLA No. 2092 of Hacienda San Jose be maintained as valid ...."to the exclusion of any and other claimants. Further, to provide full assistance to Hacienda San Jose in the ejectment and prosecution of all squatters in PLA No. 2092.
- 2. A Composite Team, to be composed of the following is hereby created:
  - a) Two representatives from Bureau of Lands.
  - b) Two representatives from Bureau of Forest Development.
  - c) Two representatives from MNR Legal Services.

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d) one representative to be chosen by the Office of the Minister.

The functions of the Composite Team shall be as follows:

- a. To identify/survey/delineate A & D areas in South Cotabato and study their possible distribution to non-professional landless squatters.
- b. To identify/delineate forest lands already occupied by squatters, and/or look for vacant relocation sites and study the possibility of containing squatters by way of stewardship contracts.
- c. To identify/delineate/evaluate non-operating PLA areas for possible cancellation, if without any valid reason for its being non-operational status.
- d. To conduct a census of occupants of identified A & D areas, occupied forest lands, squatted timber concession/PLA areas identify non-professional and professional squatters in said areas.
- e. To call the assistance of any personnel in the Region/District thay may needed to accomplish the functions/objectives herein enumerated.
- f. To submit the proper recommendations as to what actions should be taken in relation to the findings/observation and problems encountered during the on the spot study/investigation/evaluation.
- g. To coordinate/confer with Mr. Rogelio J. Bolivar, Senior Executive Assistant II, over-all coordinator on pasture lease matters, such findings/ recommendations for consolidation and for the final decision of the undersigned.
- 3. To further instruct District Land Officers/District Foresters of South Cotabato/North Cotabato to provide full assistance to the campaign against any form of squatters in forest lands and existing subsisting pasture leases/timber concession areas pursuant to PD 705 and other existing regulations.
- 4. To submit the names of representatives to the Composite Team mentioned in item No. 2 within five (5) days after receipt of this Memorandum, to the Office of the Minister.

5. For strict compliance.

TEODORO Q. PEÑA Minister

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