

MINISTRY OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF A TASK FORCE
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE
RAMPANT AND ANOMALOUS ISSUANCE
OF TITLE COVERING PUBLIC FORESTS
AND PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE
PROVINCES OF CENTRAL AND
WESTERN VISAYAS.

WHEREAS, in a memorandum to the Minister of Natural Resources dated April 5, 1983 from Mr. Jose R. Gapas Consultant and Advisor of Central Visayas Resources Management Project, the latter has reported that there is a rampant illegal and anomalous issuance of titles covering timberlands and public lands in the Provinces of Central and Western Visayas (Region VI and VII).

In order that those forest lands and public lands which had been illegally issued original certificate of titles either in the ordinary registration proceeding under the Torrens System or administrative proceeding may be reverted back to the public domain and prevent the further issuance of illegal and anomalous titles over lands of the public domain, a TASK FORCE COMMITTEE composed of the following:

1. Atty. Lucas Licerio - Chairman
Executive Assistant
2. Atty. Oscar Lianko - Member
OIC, Investigation Division
3. Atty. Moises Aquino - Member
OIC, Appellate Division
4. Atty. Miguel Manalo - Member
Senior Legal Officer
5. Mr. Rodrigo C. Lanche - Official Recorder
Sr. Stenographer, MNR

is hereby created to investigate the anomalous and illegal issuance of titles covering lands of the public domain and for the purpose of determining the persons or officials

of the Bureau of Forest Development and the Bureau of Lands responsible for the rampant issuance of those anomalous and illegal titles so that they maybe prosecuted and punished.

The members of the Committee shall coordinate with the Office of the Solicitor General for the purpose of filing the necessary action in Court for the cancellation of titles and the reversion of the lands to the public domain.

In the performance of its functions, the Task Force Committee may avail the assistance of any personnel or official of the different Bureaus under the Ministry or any office of the National Government.

This Order shall take effect immediately.


TEODORO Q. PEÑA
Minister