



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 1580  
Series of 1993.

SUBJECT: Creation of a Special Prosecution Task force TAGA-USIG.

WHEREAS, it is DENR a clear mandate to protect and conserve the Philippine forest through effective enforcement of forestry laws, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to effectively and speedily prosecute violators of forestry laws, rules and regulations in order to protect and conserve the Philippine forest and environment;

WHEREAS, there is a pool of competent lawyers in the Department who can best perform the task of criminal prosecution, having acquired combined expertise in criminal procedure and forestry laws, rules and regulations;

WHEREFORE, in the interest of the service a Special Prosecution Task Force is hereby created, code named "Task Force TAGA-USIG", to perform the task of criminal prosecution composed of the following:


- Assistant Secretary Romulo D. San Juan - Chairman
- Director III Romulo A. Redula - Vice Chairman
- Atty. Arthur P. Castillo - Prosecution Team Leader
- Atty. Charemon Clio L. Borre - Prosecutor
- Atty. Norberto R. Capistrano - "
- Atty. Delfin R. Lopez - "
- Atty. Romeo H. Mijares - "
- Atty. Rodolfo E. Paderes - "
- Atty. Ricky T. Arzadon - "

The foregoing lawyers are hereby deputized as Special Counsels in accordance with DENR-DOJ Memorandum of Agreement dated May 11, 1993. The task force shall coordinate with the ENR-SECAL in all its activities and shall submit reports to the Office of the Secretary from time to time.

Further, said task force shall have the power and authority to gather and obtain papers and documents, statements, affidavits and other testimonies of DENR personnel and other witnesses relative to the mandate of its task.

The expenses of the Special Prosecution Task Force in the discharge of its duties and responsibilities shall be charged to ENR-SECAL pursuant to previous arrangements.

This Order takes effect immediately.

  
ANGEL C. ALCALA  
Secretary