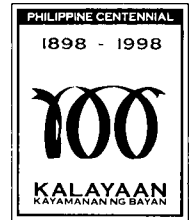




DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES



MAY 16 1997

SPECIAL ORDER
No. 97 - 553

**SUBJECT : DESIGNATING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OSWALD
B. LORENZO AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, OFFICE OF
THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR LEGAL,
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND ATTACHED
AGENCIES**

In the interest of the service and in view of the official travel of Undersecretary Antonio G.M. La Viña to Montreal, Canada on May 12-16, 1997, Assistant Secretary Oswald B. Lorenzo is hereby designated as OIC, Office of the Undersecretary and shall sign as follows:

OSWALD B. LORENZO
Assistant Secretary
OIC, Office of the Undersecretary
for Legal, Legislative Affairs and Attached Agencies

This Order shall take effect on the dates specified and upon confirmation of the COMELEC.


VICTOR O. RAMOS
Secretary

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Records Division

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MISSION ON ELECTIONS**

Intramuros, Manila

Please attach to the

SO of ASEC Lorenzo.

Thank you!
and
for HRA

cc: ASEC Lorenzo

Hon. Remedios A. Salazar-Fernando
Commissioner

May 20, 1997

HON. VICTOR O. RAMOS
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman
Quezon City

Dear Secretary Ramos,

This refers to your letter dated May 14, 1997, but received by this Office on May 19, 1997, requesting exemption from COMELEC Resolution No. 2887 dated February 5, 1997 the designation by Special Order of Assistant Secretary Oswald B. Lorenzo as Officer-In-Charge of the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal, Legislative Affairs and Attached Agencies.

It appearing that the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal, Legislative Affairs and Attached Agencies is one of the critical Offices in the Department, and the absence of Undersecretary or signing official will cause a great disadvantage to the Department in carrying out its mandated tasks and functions, and which will affect and hamper operations of the office, the designation by Special Order of Assistant Secretary Oswald B. Lorenzo as Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary for Legal, Legislative Affairs and Attached Agencies is permissible pursuant to the provision of Section 261 (g) (h) of the Omnibus Election Code subject to the following conditions:

- 1) that the designation of Assistant Secretary Oswald B. Lorenzo did not influence, one way or the other, the barangay elections on May 12, 1997; and
- 2) it did not involve promotion or increase in salary.

However, please take note that the prohibition on promotion is only up to May 11, 1997.

Very truly yours,

RA Salazar-Fernando
REMEDIOS A. SALAZAR-FERNANDO
Commissioner

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