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DENR SPECIAL ORDER

NO. 99-235

SERIES OF 1999

SUBJECT: CREATION OF A FACT-FINDING TEAM TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION ON THE REPORTED ILLEGAL TITLING OF FOREST LANDS, LANDS WITHIN THE U.S. MILITARY RESERVATION, CAPONES ISLAND, AND OTHER NON-DISPOSABLE LANDS, ALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION AND ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED DURING THE INCUMBENCY OF CENRO JIMMY CENTENO.

In the interest of the service, an investigation is necessary to look into the veracity of the report on the I - *Illegal titling of one hundred five (105) has. of timber land within the former U.S. Military Reservation at SBMA (Violeta Caparas, et.al., Case)*; II - *Illegal titling of one hundred seven (107) has. of timbelands at Cawag, Subic, Zambales (Rosemarie Rivera, et.al., Case)*; III - *Aborted illegal titling of one hundred seven (107) has. thru judicial proceeding (Rosemarie Rivera, et.al. Case now Modesto Joaquin, et.al. Case)*; IV - *Aborted illegal titling of fifty (50) has. of the Olongapo Reforestation Project (Jacinto Case)*; V - *Aborted illegal titling of one hundred forty (140) has. of Olongapo Watershed Reservation (Mauro Turalba, et.al.)* all within the jurisdiction of CENRO, Olongapo City and allegedly perpetrated during the incumbency of Jimmy Centeno as CENRO for Olongapo City, in connivance with Frank de Lara, and other DENR personnels.

The DENR Investigation Team is composed of :

ATTY. JIMMY G. PESIGAN	-	Chairman
ATTY. WILFREDO B. SARAOS	-	Member
ATTY. RICKY A. ARZADON	-	Member
MR. ELPIDIO ALCONIS	-	Member

The DENR TEAM is hereby authorized to issue *sub-poena duces tecum* and *sub-poena ad testificandum*, to require the attendance of the parties and their witnesses; and to order the production of documents which are necessary to attain the objective of the investigation.

The DENR TEAM may avail of the assistance of DENR personnel or those from any of its bureaus and offices, for the accomplishment of its mission. The members of the team can claim travel allowances and other related expenses in accordance with the usual accounting and auditing regulations.

The DENR TEAM shall submit its report ten (10) days from the termination of the investigation.

This Order takes effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.



ANTONIO H. CERILLES  
Secretary