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DENR SPECIAL ORDER No. 2000-281

SUBJECT:

CREATION OF A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE COMPROMISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND FLORENCIA GARCIA-DIAZ OVER A PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN THE FORT MAGSAYSAY MILITARY RESERVATION IN NUEVA ECIJA

In the interest of the service and pursuant to the Joint Public Hearing being conducted by the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon) and Committee on Justice and Human Rights on the Compromise Agreement entered into by and between the Government and Florencia Garcia-Diaz over a parcel of land within the Fort Magsaysay Military Reservation in Nueva Ecija, a Task Force is hereby created to conduct investigation on the matter with the following composition:

Assistant Secretary Paula Defensor - Chairperson
Assistant Secretary Jimmy Pesigan - Co- Chairperson
ARED Zaldy Barcelo - Member
CENRO Eli Francisco - Member
Atty. Hector Fabros - Member
Atty. Allan Barcena - Member
Engr. Marcelino Malate - Member

The Task Force is hereby authorized to examine records/documents related to the case and to conduct ocular inspection and aerial operations over the subject land.

The Task Force is empowered to issue <u>subpoena duces tecum</u> and <u>ad testificandum</u>, administer oath, take testimonies and all other powers inherent in a quasi-judicial investigations pursuant to Section 37, Chapter IX, Book I of the Revised Administrative Code.

All DENR field offices are hereby instructed to extend full assistance to and cooperation with the Task Force in the pursuit of its assigned tasks.

The Task Force is also authorized to coordinate with and seek the assistance of other government agencies and instrumentalities in carrying out its assigned tasks.

The members of the Task Force shall be entitled to traveling expenses, per diems and other incidental expenses in the performance of the duties chargeable against appropriate DENR funds.

The Task Force shall submit its report to this Office after the termination of its task.

The Order takes effect immediately and revokes all other orders, instructions or directives inconsistent herewith.

ANTONIO H. CERILLES

/Secretary