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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
No. 2002 - 895

**SUBJECT: Creating a Team to Investigate the Whereabouts of 138,403 Seedlings Procured by the WRDP-WMIC in CY 2000 and Loaned to Six (6) People's Organizations (POs) at the Kaliwa Watershed Management Project**

Pursuant to the principle of transparency in government operations, and in the interest of the WRDP-WMIC Kaliwa Watershed Management Project, a Team is hereby created to investigate the whereabouts of 138,403 seedlings (forest and fruit tree species) reportedly loaned out by the Office of the Project Area Manager to six (6) Contractors-People's Organizations (POs) at the Kaliwa Watershed Management Project, to be composed of the following:

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| 1. | Forester ARNOLD BLAZA    | - | SAID      | - | Team Leader |
| 2. | Mr. NOLI REVISTIR        | - | FASPO-    |   | Member      |
| 3. | Mr. AVELINO ALBALADEJO   | - | Planning- |   | Member      |
| 4. | Mr. CARLO P. CONSOLACION | - | FMB       | - | Member      |

Specifically, the Team shall look into earlier reports covering the following:

1. Inventory report of all seedling distribution to beneficiaries, and the area planted as shown on the control map.
2. The need for the POs to rehabilitate the damage caused by forest fire, covering about 42 hectares, that have not yet been turned over to the government;
3. Absence of written contract/agreement between the PMO/Field Office and the POs covering the repayment of the 138,400 seedlings amounting to approximately P741,000, which was loaned out to or borrowed by the POs;
4. Allegations that some Barangay Captains made payments (in cash and/or in kind) on borrowed seedlings but were not issued receipts; and
5. Reports that most POs have not yet repaid/returned the seedlings borrowed by them.

The Team shall submit a Report containing its findings/recommendations to the DENR Secretary through the FMB Director within 15 days following approval of this Order. Expenses to be incurred by the Team in the course of the investigation shall be charged against WRDP-WMIC Funds.

This Order takes effect immediately.

  
**HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ**  
Secretary  
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