

Malacañang Memorandum
August 27, 1999

**SUBJECT : Reiteration of Previous Directive
Not To Entertain Persons Who
Claim Closeness to the President.**

It has come to my attention that a number of people, including close friends and relatives, continue to use my name or claim closeness to me in order to seek favors from government offices.

I hereby reiterate my previous directive not to entertain these people or accede to their requests. Government officials are warned not to base their decisions and actions on the alleged influence of those claiming closeness to the President. Any and all forms of influence peddling, name-dropping, intimidation, coercion and the like are strictly prohibited.

You are hereby instructed to ensure that your respective officials and staff are properly advised on this matter.

For strict compliance.

(Sgd.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA
President