MALACAÑANG MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 146

MODIFYING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 39 CONCERNING MR. AMANDO G. LAZARO, MUNICIPAL JUDGE OF BALUNGAO, PANGASINAN.

By virtue of Administrative Order No. 39 dated April 30, 1967, Mr. Amando G. Lazaro was removed from office as Municipal Judge of Balungao, Pangasinan, for negligence in the performance of duties in that he failed to exercise the necessary circumspection which should characterize a judicial mind resulting in the admission of a falsified bail bond and the consequent delay in the disposition of the criminal case involved.

Respondent has sought reconsideration on the ground that he had been previously reprimanded for the same act by the former Undersecretary of Justice. The Secretary of Justice, while being of the opinion that Administrative Order No. 39 of the President cannot be contested on legal grounds, feels that the penalty of removal imposed on respondent may be moderated in view of the reprimand previously administered on him.

Wherefore, Administrative Order No. 39 dated April 30, 1967, is hereby reconsidered by modifying the penalty of removal from office imposed therein on Mr. Amando G. Lazaro to suspension from office without pay for a period of one (1) year counted from the date he was first served with a copy of the original administrative order.

Done in the City of Manila, this 21stday of October, in the year of Gur Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

By the President:

JOSE J LEIDO, JR Acting Executive Secretary