## MALACAÑAN PALACE MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 67

PRESCRIBING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS DURING THE TIME THAT THE PRESIDENT IS OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, the public interest requires my presence outside the Philippines:

NOW, THEREFORE, the following instructions are hereby issued for the conduct of public affairs during my absence:

- l. The President of the Philippines shall continue to exercise all the functions of his office as enjoined by the Constitution and the laws, in the same manner when he is within the national territory. The Secretary to the President shall, as heretofore, sign all papers that are ordinarily signed by him by or under the authority of the President.
- 2. Each Secretary of Department shall attend to and decide matters which pertain to his Department and which under the law, he may decide. On those matters which require approval of the President, in case urgent action is needed, such approval shall be obtained by cable. On other approval shall be obtained by cable. On other departmental business, which, although within the departmental business, which, although within the jurisdiction of a Secretary of Department, are of such importance as to affect the general policie of the Government and, therefore, should be the subject of consultation with the President, the Secretary concerned may communicate for such purpose with the President by cable or other convenient means of communication.

- 3. The Cabinet shall hold weekly meetings and shall meet at such other times as may be necessary. The Secretary to the President shall preside. Matters which have heretofore been acted upon by the Cabinet shall continue to be considered and decided by the Cabinet:

  Provided, however, That in the absence of unanimity of opinion on any question submitted, no decision shall be taken until it shall have been submitted to the President.
- 4. All official communications to the President, whether by letter or by cable, shall be transmitted through or by the Secretary to the President.
- 5. The Secretary to the President shall preside over all official ceremonies, receive and return the official calls of American and foreign dignitaries in behalf of and in representation of the President.

Done at the City of Manila, this 26th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nine teen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

SERGIO OSMEÑA

President of the Philippines

By the President:

TOSE S. REYES

Secretary to the President