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MEMORANDUM ORDER NO.

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM ADJUDICATOR (PARAD) NAPOLEON B. BAGUILAT FOR **OPPRESSION** AND **GRAVE** MISCONDUCT, AMONG **OTHER OFFENSES**

The existence of a prima facie case has been established by a committee created pursuant to DAR Special Order No. 309. Series of 2002, to proceed administratively against PARAD Napoleon B. Baguilat, DARAB Region III, Branch III, South Nueva Ecija, for oppression and grave misconduct, among other offenses, arising from his issuance on May 17, 2002 of a warrant of arrest and an order of commitment against Land Bank President Margarito Teves. Accordingly, the Secretary of Agrarian Reform, after the appropriate formal charges shall have been filed against Napoleon B. Baguilat, is hereby directed to create a committee within that department to formally conduct an investigation on the said charges.

The Committee shall have the powers and prerogatives of an investigative body provided for under the Administrative Code of 1987, including the power to summon witnesses, administer oath, and take testimony or evidence by subpoena duces tecum and/or ad testificandum. The Committee is hereby empowered to call upon any department, agency or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as may be necessary for the accomplishment of its task. It shall submit its report and recommendation to the Office of the President. through the Secretary of Agrarian Reform. within thirty (30) days after completion of its investigation.

Manila, Philippines, OCT 2 8 2002

By authority of the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO

Executive Secretary