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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS & STAFF; HEADS OF
SPECIAL PROJECTS; REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND
PROJECT IRRIGATION ENGINEERS; IRRIGATION
SUPERINTENDENTS AND/OR OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE
OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS; ALL OTHERS CONCERNED
National Irrigation Administration

SUBJECT : Memorandum from the President Dated June 13,
1973 Urging All Officials Particularly in the
Provinces of Cotabato, Zamboanga del Sur,
Zamboanga del Norte, Basilan and Sulu to
Exercise Utmost Caution in Giving Out Any
Form of Information or Engaging in Loose-
talks on the Mindanao Situation.

Quoted hereunder is the memorandum from the President dated
June 13, 1973 for the information, guidance and compliance of all
concerned:

"MALACAÑANG
Manila

June 13, 1973

MEMORANDUM for -

All Heads of Departments, Offices
and Agencies of the Government

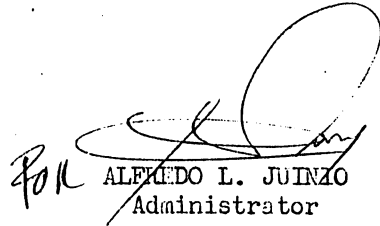
I am deeply concerned about the present situation prevailing over the Muslim provinces in Mindanao particularly in Cotabato, Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte, Basilan and Sulu. The recent incidents which created a state of lawlessness and disorder affecting public safety and security of the state has been initiated by secessionist elements identified with the Muslim Revolutionary Forces and believed to be led by young Muslim Maoist leaders who joined with the local outlaws. The government forces have now started to build up and are presently conducting internal stability operations. Local officials and civic-minded citizens in the above-mentioned areas are assisting the Armed Forces of the Philippines to avert the aggressiveness and determination of the present leaders of the various secessionist organizations to pursue their objectives. The National Disaster Control Center which is in charge of coordinating government relief operations has mobilized national and local agencies to funnel all necessary assistance to the affected areas.

in this regard, I urge all government officials, particularly those stationed in the aforementioned areas, to exercise utmost caution in giving out any form of information or engaging in loose-talks on the Mindanao situation specifically on matters relative to lawless elements-occupied, or infested territory, strength and movements of AFP units, military and civilian casualties, and number of evacuees. This measure is instituted to preclude jeopardizing military operations, creating panic among the populace and any future complication arising from such release of information.

All heads of departments, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities of the government, including all government-owned or controlled corporations, are hereby enjoined to advise their respective provincial agencies in the above-mentioned provinces to comply strictly with the provisions of this Circular.

(SGD) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines"

All concerned are hereby advised to act accordingly.
Strict compliance is enjoined.


ALFREDO L. JUINO
Administrator

June 20, 1973

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