

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 252, January 29, 2009]

ENJOINING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ALL EXECUTIVE OFFICES TO COOPERATE WITH THE INDEPENDENT FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE CREATED IN RELATION TO THE SO-CALLED "ALABANG BOYS"

Whereas, the current controversy surrounding the so-called "Alabang Boys" - the alleged drug buy-bust operation, the alleged bribery of Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and Department of Justice (DOJ) officials, the alleged irregularity committed by the handling prosecutors in recommending dismissal of the complaint - is a matter of grave concern and is being seriously looked into by the President;

Whereas, the President has created an independent fact-finding committee to look into the conduct of the prosecutors in the handling and resolution of the "Alabang boys" and to validate the findings of the National Bureau of Investigation on the allegations of bribery, ensuring that all the testimonies of the officials involved, both coming from the DOJ and PDEA, are considered;

Whereas, the Committee is only given fifteen (15) days from the date of final creation to come up with its findings and recommendations to the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The Department of Justice, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, the National Bureau of Investigation and all concerned offices are hereby enjoined to promptly cooperate with and assist the "Alabang Boys" Independent Fact-Finding Committee in performing its functions. All officials and employees within the Executive who may be invited by the Committee as resource persons shall attend its hearings and discussions, answer its queries and submit all pertinent documents requested and/or required by the Committee.

Section 2. All heads of offices shall ensure the prompt cooperation, assistance and attendance of their officials or employees who may be invited as resource persons by the Committee.

Section 3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO