

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 260, April 02, 2009]

ENJOINING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, THE PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-SMUGGLING GROUP, 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 CASE OF ROBERT LEE, ET AL.

Whereas, the dismissal of the illegal drugs case against Robert Lee, et al. by the handling prosecutors has placed some government officials under public scrutiny and has raised doubts on their impartiality in handling the case;

Whereas, considering the magnitude of the case and its implications on the government's fight against illegal drugs, as well as against graft and corruption, the President has created an independent fact-finding committee to look into the conduct of the prosecutors in the handling and resolution of the case against Robert Lee, et al.; and

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 Office of the Solicitor General, the Presidential Anti-Smuggling Group, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, the National Bureau of Investigation and all concerned offices are hereby enjoined to promptly cooperate with and assist the Independent Fact-Finding Committee created in relation to the case of Robert Lee, et al. 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 2nd day of April, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO