

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 370, October 24, 1975]

**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CASES OF THE
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES DISMISSED FROM THE SERVICE ON
SEPTEMBER 19, 1975**

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of justice that a Committee be created to consider various petitions for reconsideration from those officials and employees who were separated from the service on September 19, 1975 and to conduct a review of all the cases of these officials and employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby create a Committee to take cognizance of petitions for reconsideration of the officials and employees dismissed on September 19, 1975, and to conduct a review of all the cases of these officials and employees;

SECTION 1. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Honorable Catalino Macaraig	– Chairman
Undersecretary of Justice	
Honorable Jose A. R.Melo	– Member
Civil Service Commissioner	
Honorable Ronaldo B. Zamora	– Member
Assistant Executive Secretary	

SECTION 2. The Committee shall review all cases of the dismissed officials and employees, evaluating the evidence available in support of their dismissal, or receiving additional evidence in support thereof as well as the evidences that an official or employee may wish to present in support of his innocence of or exoneration from the charges against him;

SECTION 3. In case no evidence in support of the dismissal has been submitted or are in the possession of the official who recommended the dismissal, the Committee shall require the official to produce the evidence, and if he cannot produce the evidence required, the Committee shall require him to explain his recommendation for the dismissal of official or employee.

SECTION 4. The Committee shall directly report to the President its findings and recommendations, either affirming the dismissal or modifying the earlier order of dismissal by reducing the penalty imposed and imposing the proper penalty prescribed by law, including exoneration, if such is the proper course, guided by the desire to do justice. It shall act expeditiously on these cases and in the performance of its task it may call upon any official or employee, office or agency of the government to assist it.