

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 297, July 12, 1971]

CREATING A RURAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, there is urgent need to raise income levels and increase employment opportunities especially in the rural areas;

WHEREAS, this objective can be attained through the implementation of a massive and integrated rural improvement program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Committee to coordinate all the activities in the implementation of the said program. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Hon. ARTURO TANCO, Jr. Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources	Chairman
Hon. ROBERTO V. REYES Assistant Executive Secretary	Vice- Chairman
Administrator MARIO R. REYES National Cottage Industries Development Authority	Member
Dir. Gen. RONY V. DIAZ National Manpower and Youth Council	Member
Commissioner FRANCISCO SAGUIGUIT Agricultural Productivity Commission	Member
Dir. ORLANDO PAGULAYAN Cooperatives Administration Office	Member
Mr. ROSENDO MARQUEZ Officer-In-Charge, Presidential Arm on Community Development	Member
Dir. PEDRO G. REFUERZO Bureau of Animal Industry	Member
Dir. ELISEO C. CARANDANG Bureau of Plant Industry	Member
Commissioner ANDRES M. MANE Philippine Fisheries Commission	Member
Mr. SILVESTRE D. SARMIENTO Budget Commission	Member

The Committee shall coordinate the participating agencies in the implementation of the said program and that for purposes hereof the Chairman of the Committee shall exercise supervision over the Agricultural Productivity Commission and the Agricultural Credit Administration.