

**[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 310, October 01,
1971]**

CREATING AN AD HOC CABINET COMMITTEE ON RICE

An Ad Hoc Cabinet Committee is hereby created to inquire immediately into the various problems arising out of the present rice situation and to recommend appropriate solutions therefor, to be composed of the following:

Hon. Arturo Tanco Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources	– Chairman
Hon. David Consunji Acting Secretary of Public Works and Communications	– Member
Hon. Troadio Quiazon Acting Secretary of Commerce and Industry	– Member
Hon. Efren Plana Acting Secretary of National Defense	– Member
Hon. Roberto V. Reyes Acting Executive Secretary	– Member
Hon. Vicente Paterno Chairman, Board of Investments	– Member
Hon. Jose Drilon Undersecretary for Agriculture	– Member

The Committee shall inquire into the feasibility of adopting effective counter-measures to the present rice shortage in the country, with a view to preventing such rice shortages in the future, including the following:

1. The confiscation of hoarded rice stocks;
2. The prosecution of cases involving violations of the Price Control Law, Act No. 4164 authorizing the President to proclaim a state of public calamity in certain cases, and pertinent provisions of the Revised Penal Code;
3. The improvement of the present system of monitoring, collating and evaluating statistical data on rice production;
4. The formulation of an integrated system capable of insuring an effective nation-wide program of rice procurement and distribution.

The Committee shall have the power to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations for such assistance as it may need for the successful prosecution of its functions.

The Committee is enjoined to submit its reports and its recommendations to the President as soon as practicable.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen