[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 226, July 16, 1970]

IN RE ADMINISTRATIVE CASE AGAINST FORMER REGISTER OF DEEDS TIMOTEO D. AGUSTIN OF TARLAC

This refers to the administrative case against Mr. Timoteo D. Agustin, since retired as Register of Deeds of Tarlac, for alleged falsification of public documents by enlarging the areas of the lots covered by transfer certificates of title Nos. 42954, 43734 and 43862 as compared to the areas mentioned in the previous titles, namely, transfer certificates of title Nos. 29435, 43106 and 35906, which they respectively replaced. The case was investigated by a committee created by the Land Registration Commissioner which found respondent not guilty of the charge and recommended his exoneration.

The case had remained undisposed of until Mr. Agustin's retirement from the service on January 24, 1965. It appears that payment of his leave credit is being withheld in view of the non-disposition of his case.

A careful review of the records fails to yield any evidence implicating respondent in the acts of falsification. Neither is there any evidence that he had knowledge of or consented to such alterations. On the contrary, clerk-typist Lucio Balmores, despite warnings against risk of self-incrimination, owned the entire blame and declared that respondent never knew of such alterations nor benefited therefrom.

WHEREFORE, Mr. Timoteo D. Agustin is hereby exonerated from this administrative case filed while he was Register of Deeds of Tarlac.

Done in the City of Manila, this 16th day of July in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy.

(Sgd.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS** President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **ALEJANDRO MELCHOR** Executive Secretary



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