

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 153, April 13, 1951]

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE PLANS TO EXPLOIT THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE CANDABA SWAMPS BY CONVERTING THEM INTO AN ECONOMIC ASSET IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

WHEREAS, the Candaba swamps in the Province of Pampanga with an area of 800 square miles comprised in the public domain have provided ideal hiding place for subversive elements; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that said swamps may be converted into fishponds, duck farms, agricultural lands and other productive enterprises;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Committee composed of the following:

Mr. Deogracias Villadolid, Director of Fisheries	Chairman
Col. Alfonso Arellano, AFP	Member
Mr. Francisco Marquez, Administrative Officer, Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources	Member
Mr. E. Santos, City Engineer, Baguio	Member
Mr. Jose Pañganiban, National Development Co.	Member

which shall formulate plans to exploit the natural resources of the Candaba swamps by converting them into an economic asset instead of their being largely a social liability. It shall study ways and means for the construction of fishponds and the establishment of duck farms, agricultural farms and other productive enterprises conducive to the promotion of the national economy.

The Committee is hereby empowered to call upon any officer or employee of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including the corporations owned or controlled by it, for such assistance as it may need in the performance of its functions.

The Committee shall submit its report and recommendations to the President of the Philippines as soon as possible.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and of the independence of the Philippines, the fifth.

(Sgd.) ELPIDIO QUIRINO
President of the Philippines