

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 52, November 19, 1937 ]**

**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PROPOSED  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE AT THE PORT OF  
MANILA**

It appearing that Manila is favorably situated as a transshipping port for foreign trade and that the establishment of a foreign trade zone at Manila would benefit the commerce of the Philippines, I, Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, do hereby constitute and create a Committee to study the advisability and feasibility of establishing a Foreign Trade Zone at the Port of Manila. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Mr. Jose Paez, President and General Manager, Manila Railroad Company, Chairman; Mr. J. Bartlett Richards, United States Trade Commissioner, member; Mr. Jesus Obieta, Acting Collector of Customs, member; Mr. Anastacio de Castro, Acting Director of Commerce, member; Mr. A. T. Sylvester, Portworks Engineer, Bureau of Public Works, member; Mr. Walter Robb, Editor, American Chamber of Commerce Journal, member; and Mr. Richard C. Wilson, of the United Press, member.

Captain Bonner Fellers, United States Army, shall serve as Secretary and Executive Officer of the Committee.

This Committee shall submit a report covering its findings and recommendations as soon as practicable.

Done at the City of Manila, this nineteenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the second.

**MANUEL L. QUEZON**  
*President of the Philippines*



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