

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37, January 04, 1947 ]**

**REORGANIZING THE DEPORTATION BOARD**

For the purpose of conducting investigations of undesirable aliens residing in the Philippines in the manner prescribed in section 69 of the Revised Administrative Code, I, Manuel Roxas, President of the Philippines , by virtue of the powers vested in me by law; do hereby reorganize the Deportation Board to be composed of—

A Judge of First Instance to be designated by the Secretary of Justice	Chairman
A ranking officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs to be designated by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs	Member
The First Deputy Commissioner of Immigration	Member
The City Fiscal of Manila	Member
The Provost Marshal General, or his representative	Member

1. The Board shall conduct all investigations in accordance with the following rules and regulations:

(a) The Deportation Board, motu proprio or upon complaint of any person, is authorized to conduct investigation in the manner prescribed in section 69 of the Revised Administrative Code to determine whether a subject of a foreign power residing in the Philippines is an undesirable alien or not, and thereafter to recommend to the President of the Philippines the deportation of such alien.

(b) Every person complained against before the Deportation Board shall be informed of the charge or charges against him and shall be allowed not less than three days from notice thereof for the preparation of his defense. He shall have the right to be heard by himself or counsel, to produce witnesses in his own behalf and to cross-examine the opposing witnesses.

(c) The proceedings before the Board shall be reduced to writing, and a full record of the proceedings shall be kept in all cases and shall include a statement of the findings and conclusions of the Board signed by the members thereof. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum and a vote of three of the members shall be necessary to arrive at a decision. Any dissent from the majority opinion shall also be reduced to writing and filed with the records of the proceedings.

(d) The investigation of any case shall be finished within fifteen days, unless extended by the President. The findings and recommendations of the Deportation Board, with a full record of the proceedings, shall be transmitted to the Office of the President within ten days after the termination of the investigation. Final order of deportation shall be issued by the President of the Philippines .