

CREATING A FACT-FINDING COMMISSION WITH PLENARY POWERS TO INVESTIGATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER SENATOR BENIGNO S. AQUINO JR., AND ALLOW A FREE, ...

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 469, August 24, 1983

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To prevent any suspicion of a whitewash or of bias and partiality in the investigation of the events surrounding the tragic death of former Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr., a Commission is hereby created and empowered to determine all the facts concerning the assassination and to gather all investigative agencies and utilize them in order to allow a free, unlimited, and exhaustive investigation into all aspects of the above-mentioned tragedy.

The Commission shall have plenary powers, including the power to call/invite witnesses and to obtain compulsory powers to produce any document, equipment or person in the performance of its mission.

The Commission shall submit its findings directly to the President of the Philippines.

This Order is also in relation to a separate order issued placing the entire AVSECOM group in the Manila International Airport under confinement to quarters.

The Commission shall be composed of the following:

1. Chief Justice Enrique Fernando
— Chairman
2. Former Chief Justice Roberto Concepcion
— member
3. Former Justice Ruperto Martin
— member
4. Former Justice Guillermo Santos
— member
5. Former Justice Felix Antonio — member

The Presidential Executive Assistant shall establish a Secretariat and shall be authorized to detail any person from any government office to assist the Commission for the duration of the completion of the purposes of this Administrative Order.

Done in the City of Manila, this 24th day August in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-three.

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

By the President:

(Sgd.) JUAN C. TUVERA
Presidential Executive Assistant

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