PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS DURING THE TIME THAT THE PRESIDENT IS OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 42, September 05, 1966

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WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines is leaving for the United States on an official visit interest to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following instructions are hereby issued for the conduct of public affairs during his absence;

- The President of the Philippines shall continue to exercise all functions of his office as enjoined by the Constitution and the laws, in the same manner as when he is within the national territory. The Executive Secretary shall, as heretofore, sign all papers that are ordinarily signed by him by or under the authority of the President.

- The Vice-President shall exercise general supervision over the conduct of affairs in the executive departments, except as to administrative functions. He shall preside over the Cabinet meetings and shall represent the president in social functions requiring the presence of the latter. He shall also preside over official ceremonies, receive and return the official calls of foreign dignitaries in behalf and in representation of the President, and on such occasions the Vice-President shall be entitled to the honors and courtesies due the President of the Philippines . The Vice-President, if he desires, can meet his visitors in the President's Study Room.

- The Executive Secretary shall exercise general supervision over the conduct of affairs in the executive departments. He shall, heretofore, sign all papers that are ordinarily signed by him or under the authority of the President and shall decide routine matters.

- Each Secretary of Department shall attend to and decide matters which pertain to his department and which under the law he may decide. On those matters which require approval of the President, in case urgent action is needed, such approval shall be obtained by radio through the Executive Secretary. On the other departmental business which, although within the jurisdiction of a Secretary of Department, is of such importance as to affect the general policies of the Government and, therefore, should be the subject of consultation with the President, the Secretary concerned may communicate for such purpose with the President by radio or other convenient means of communication: Provided, That where there is no Secretary of Department present, the Undersecretary of Department designated by him may act in his, behalf: Provided, further, That action on important matters involving investments, loans, disposal of valuable government properties, etc., shall be held in abeyance until the President's return, unless the same are of urgent nature in which case prior clearance with the President should be obtained.

- All official communications to the President, whether by letter or by radio, shall be transmitted through or by the Executive Secretary.

Done in the City of Manila , this 5th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

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