

CREATING A COMMISSION ON PLANNING, PRIORITIES AND ALLOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE III, SECTIONS 302, 303, 304, AND 305 OF THE PHILIPPINE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1946

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2, July 15, 1946

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WHEREAS, Section 301, Title III, of Public Law 370, 97th Congress of the United States, otherwise known as the “Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946” authorized an appropriation of \$120,000,000.00 (P240,000,000.00) to be allocated among the various programs set forth in Sections 302, 303, 304, and 305 of the said Act;

WHEREAS, the said appropriation of P240,000,000.00 will not be sufficient for the rehabilitation, improvement and construction of the public roads and bridges, port and harbor facilities, public properties, public health facilities, and other essential public services as contemplated in said Act, and, therefore, there will be need of giving priority to the most urgent public needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL ROXAS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Commission on Planning, Priorities and Allocations to be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Public Works and Communications

Chairman

The Secretary of Finance

Member

The Secretary of Instruction

Member

The Secretary of National Defense

Member

The Secretary of Health and Public Welfare

Member

The Commissioner of the Budget

Member

The Chairman of the Committee on Public Works and Communications of the Senate

Member

The Chairman of the Committee on Communications of the House of Representatives

Member

The Chairman of the Committee on Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of the House of Representatives

Member

The Manager, National Housing Commission

Member

The Chief Constructing Engineer, Bureau of Public Works

Member

The Commission is hereby authorized to call upon any officer or employee of any department, bureau, or agency of the Government for such assistance as may be needed by it for the proper discharge of its functions.

The Commission shall coordinate and collaborate with the representatives of the United States assigned to carry out the provisions of the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946. It shall undertake a survey of the public roads and bridges, port and harbor facilities, public properties, public health facilities, and other essential public services and, on the basis of its findings, shall recommend to the War Damage Commission or other duly authorized representatives of the United States a plan of the projects to be undertaken, the projects that should be given first priority, and the amount of money to be allocated to each of such projects. In determining which of the most deserving and urgent, the Commission herein created shall be guided by considerations from the standpoint of the national defense and economic rehabilitation of the Philippines.

Done at the City of Manila, this 15th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the first.

(Sgd.) MANUEL ROXAS

President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) EMILIO ABELLO

Chief of the Executive Office

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