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TO :

The Secretary of Justice

Manila

The Secretary of National Defense

Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City

With reference to Criminal Case No. MC-5-11 for Violation of Article 248 (Murder), in conjunction with Article 6, Revised Penal Code (Committed by a Syndicate) against Messrs. Sergio Osmeña, Jr., Eugenio Lopez, Jr., Eduardo Figueras, Larry Tractman, Antonio Arevalo, Brian Borthwick, Sergio Osmeña III, Manuel Crisologo, August McCormick Lehman alias Tom, Robert Pincus alias Bobby, Mario Suson and several "John Does" filed with Military Commission No. 5, in view of the conflicting versions presented to the public relative to the existence or absence of any evidence to warrant the filing of charges against the abovenamed persons, and considering further that there appears to be disagreement between the military lawyers and civilian prosecutors regarding the appropriate charge or charges that should be filed against them and in order to resolve this matter definitely, you are hereby directed to constitute a Panel of not less than three to conduct a reinvestigation of the whole case, to re-evaluate the evidence, to determine whether an offense or offenses have been committed, and if so, the nature of the offense or offenses committed, whether the abovenamed persons are probably guilty thereof and if probable cause is found, to file the appropriate charges.

All of the above-named persons shall be granted opportunity to participate in the proceedings with assistance of counsel.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 6th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five.

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