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TO:

JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS

SUBJECT:

COMPLIANCE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 25-2007 DATED MARCH 1, 2007 ON MANDATORY CONTINUOUS TRIAL OF CASES INVOLVING EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLINGS OF POLITICAL IDEOLOGISTS AND MEMBERS OF MEDIA.

The Office of the President thru the Presidential Human Rights Committee has invited the attention of this Office that some judges failed to observe the mandatory continuous trial pursuant to Administrative Order No. 25-2007. The said order provides that cases involving extra judicial killings of political ideologists and members of media shall undergo mandatory continuous trial and shall be terminated within sixty (60) days from commencement of trial. And that judgment thereon shall be rendered within thirty (30) days from the submission for decision, unless a shorter period is provided by law, or otherwise directed by this Court.

In view thereof, you are hereby directed to strictly observe the abovementioned administrative order. You are likewise directed to SUBMIT to this Office a monthly report on the status of aforesaid cases including the reason why the provisions of the administrative order could not be strictly followed, if any on or before the 10[th] day of the succeeding month.

Strict compliance is hereby enjoined.

October 16, 2007.

CHRISTOPHER O. LOCK

Court Administrator

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