

MALACAÑANG  
MANILA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 297

Creating a Rural Improvement Committee.

WHEREAS, there is urgent need to raise income levels and increase employment opportunities especially in the rural areas;

WHEREAS, this objective can be attained through the implementation of a massive and integrated rural improvement program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a Committee to coordinate all the activities in the implementation of the said program. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Hon. ARTURO TANCO, Jr. .... Chairman  
Secretary, Department of  
Agriculture and Natural  
Resources
- Hon. ROBERTO V. REYES ..... Vice-Chairman  
Assistant Executive Secretary
- Administrator MARIO R. REYES ..... Member  
National Cottage Industries  
Development Authority
- Dir. Gen. RONY V. DIAZ ..... Member  
National Manpower and Youth  
Council
- Commissioner FRANCISCO SAGUIGUIT .. Member  
Agricultural Productivity  
Commission
- Dir. ORLANDO PAGULAYAN ..... Member  
Cooperatives Administration  
Office
- Mr. ROSENDO MARQUEZ ..... Member  
Officer-In-Charge, Presidential  
Arm on Community Development

Dir. PEDRO G. REFUERZO ..... Member  
Bureau of Animal Industry

Dir. ELISEO C. CARANDANG ..... Member  
Bureau of Plant Industry

Commissioner ANDRES M. MANE ..... Member  
Philippine Fisheries Commission

Mr. SILVESTRE D. SARMIENTO ..... Member  
Budget Commission

The Committee shall coordinate the participating agencies in the implementation of the said program and that for purposes hereof the Chairman of the Committee shall exercise supervision over the Agricultural Productivity Commission and the Agricultural Credit Administration.

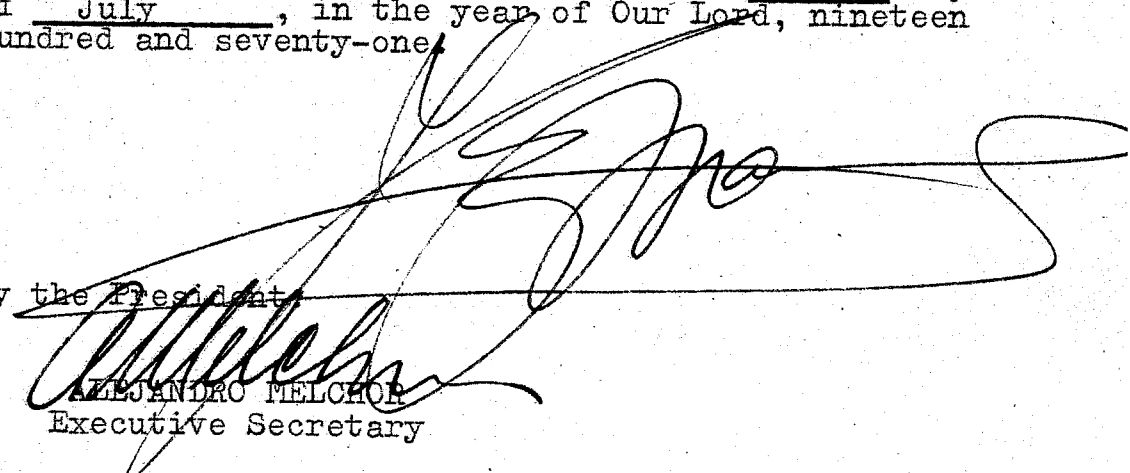
The Chairman is hereby empowered to create such sub-committees as may be needed to assist the Committee in the performance of its functions.

The Committee may call upon any department, bureau, office or instrumentality of the government for such assistance as it may need in the accomplishment of its mission.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

By the President



ALEJANDRO MELCHOR  
Executive Secretary