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Dear **Mr. Austria**,

Greetings

This pertains to the advanced copy of your letter dated 14 May 2021 sent via email on 07 June 2021 seeking clarification on the investigation conducted by DENR personnel on 12 May 2021 in the land that your client, the Heirs of Jose and Rosario Salas, claims as theirs.

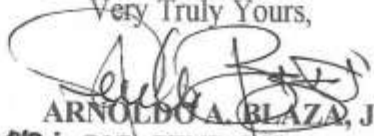
Please be informed that the DENR personnel deployed in the area acted on complaints received by this Office against Ms. Evangeline Magleo, for fencing and earth moving activities in the area being claimed in Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan. Based on the results of the investigation, the area being claimed is inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1387 issued in 1975 (copy of proclamation is attached for ready reference).

Based on the said Proclamation, it is an established fact that the Busuanga Pasture Reserve is a government property. While the said Proclamation indicates a proviso "subject to prior private rights", the facts around the title which is the basis of Ms. Magleo's claim is not yet established. We have tried communicating with Ms. Magleo multiple times asking for an authenticated copy of the title TCT No. T-6498 so it can be plotted and verified by this Office, but her continuous refusal in accepting our communications with her has made it impossible.

Considering that you have reached out to us, we formally request a copy of the title covering the area claimed by Ms. Magleo for verification and plotting of its boundaries to our control map. Please be informed that the DENR is mandated to administer and manage the areas covered by the Busuanga Pasture Reserve, we are duty bound to protect the same and enforce forestry and environmental laws, rules and regulations. While it is true and we recognize the presence of private title lands within BPR, there is indeed a need for us to review, evaluate the legitimacy of the claims. The DENR is designated as the administrator of BPR as mandated under Presidential Proclamation No. 663, series of 2013 (copy attached for ready reference), it is therefore inaccurate on your part to alleged that the DENR personnel intentionally conducted a warrantless search of a private property. While the veracity of Ms. Magleo's claim over a parcel of land within the BPR is still in question, the DENR has all the authority over areas covered by the BPR.

For further enlightenment, you are welcome to visit our office and you are encouraged to bring with you a Geodetic Engineer of your choice to help us in the verifying the correctness of the land claim with respect to the Technical Descriptions of TCT No. T-6498. Kindly bring also with you all the pertinent documents regarding the case. You may reach us through 0917504263 or cenrocoron@denr.gov.ph.

Thank you and warm regards.

Very Truly Yours,

ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.
OIC, CENR Officer



Copy furnished:

The Director, DENR Legal Affairs Service
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The PENR Officer, PENRO Palawan

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ANNEX "D"

PROCLAMATION NO. 1387

RESERVING AND ESTABLISHING AS A PASTURE RESERVE A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN SITUATED IN THE ISLAND OF BUSUANGA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN.

Upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources, and pursuant to the authority vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby withdraw from sale, ~~lease~~, settlement or any other form of disposition, exploration or exploitation, and reserve as a pasture reserve, subject to private rights, if any there be, a certain parcel of land of the public domain situated in the island of Busuanga, Province of Palawan, which land is more particularly described as follows:

"A parcel of land (B.L. Survey Plan SW0-04-000080) bounded on the North by Mindoro Strait and Balnek Mountain Range; on the East by the barrios of San Nicolas and Guadalupe, Coron, Palawan; on the South by the barrio of Bintuan, Coron, Palawan; and on the West by portion of the Municipality of New Busuanga, Palawan; situated in the Municipalities of Corn and New Busuanga, Province of Palawan, Island of Busuanga; containing an area of FORTY THOUSAND (40,000) HECTARES, more or less."

NOTE: The data are approximate and subject to future survey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 13th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

President of the Philippines

By the President
ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
Executive Secretary

CERTIFIED COPY:

AURORA T. AQUINO
DIRECTOR IV

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 663

REPEALING PROCLAMATION NO. 2057 AND TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE TO THE FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU (FMB) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR)

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 1387 (s. 1975) withdrew from any form of disposition, exploration or exploitation; and reserved as a pasture reserve a parcel of land of the public domain in Busuanga, Palawan;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3 of Commonwealth Act (CA) No. 452, the Bureau of Forestry (presently the FMB of DENR) shall have jurisdiction and authority over the administration, protection, and management of pasture lands;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 2057 (s. 2010) authorized the Philippine Forest Corporation (PFC) to administer the development of the area covered by the Busuanga Pasture Reserve delineated by Proclamation No. 1387 (s. 1975);

WHEREAS, the Administrative Code of 1987 grants the President the continuing authority to reorganize the executive department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby repeal Proclamation No. 2057 (s. 2010) and transfer the administration of the area covered by the Busuanga Pasture Reserve to the Forest Management Bureau of the DENR.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 14th of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

By the President:

PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary



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