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MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DENR MIMAROPA Region
Roxas Boulevard Ermita, Manila City

FROM : THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Field Operations – Luzon

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DATE : 18 OCT 2021

Referred herewith is the letter from Mr. Leodegario B. Valera, Jr. and/or Bantay Likas Yaman ng Tagumpay Association, Inc., addressed to DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu, which pertains to the abovementioned subject.

Please act on the subject matter, communicate with the concerned party, and submit to the undersigned status of actions taken for records and monitoring purposes.


GILBERT C. GONZALES, CESO III

Cc: Office of the Head Executive Assistant

August 31, 2021

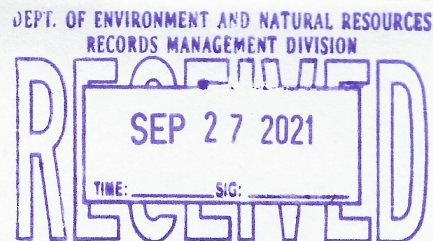
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Secretary

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Thru:



Dear Sec. Cimat:

The undersigned, **LEODEGARIO B. VALERA, JR. AND/OR BANTAY LIKAS YAMAN NG TAGUMPAY ASSOCIATION, INC.**, commends your office not only for milestone accomplishments of your Department under your tenure but also for its efforts to weed out grafters and incompetent officers within the agency which have been obstacles to its lofty vision and mission.

It is along this line that we come to your good office because there are still few grafters and incompetent officers within the agency, particularly at DENR-CENRO of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, of which we have been actually their victims even at present. These are **EFREN I. DELOS REYES, OIC -CENR Officer, WILFREDO A. ABUEN, MO IV/Deputy CENRO, MARIA ELENA S. SORIANO, Forest Technician I, ORLINO GACUAN, SEMS Chief, CDS, and MARILOU S. SECRETO** against whom we recently filed criminal and administrative cases for their corrupt activities, copy of which is attached hereto as Annex "A" to form an integral part hereof.

Our group have been partners of the DENR since the 1990s in the protection of the environment, including its reforestation programs, and faithful observers of the strict guidelines on how to harvest or trim branches privately cultivated/planted trees. Ironically, however, despite the noble intentions of environmental laws, rules and regulations and the desire of certain environmentally conscious individuals and groups like us to promote reforestation and sustainable development, no less than the aforesaid officers of DENR-CENRO of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro are the actual reasons why we could not attain greenery projects such as reforestation and sustainable developments of the public lands.

As stated in our hereto attached Complaint-Affidavit, among the known illegal activities of the above-named public officers are very evident based on the following facts and circumstances:

- a. We lodged a complaint against certain private individuals before the CENRO-DENR San Jose, Occidental Mindoro for illegally entering the certain portions of the 15 hectares and for illegally cutting trees and made charcoals (uling). During the pendency of the said dispute, I used to personally make a follow-up, aside from written follow-ups before **EFREN I. DELOS REYES,**