

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director

**THRU :** The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

**FROM :** The OIC, PENR Officer

**SUBJECT :** **SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED STAFF WORK (CSW)  
REPORT ON THE LIHAM NA MAY PETA 11/21/2021 RE:  
SUMBONG REKLAMO NI MS. NORMA F. DELA AUSTRIA  
TUNGKOL SA DIUMANO MALAKAS NA POLLUTION AT  
PAGBABALEWALA NG PENRO [2021-75760]**

Respectfully submitting the CSW report on the investigation conducted, as action to the complaint letter of Mrs. Norma F. dela Austria of Brgy. Budiong, Odiongan, Romblon on the alleged air and water pollution on the said area.



Results of investigation revealed that her complaints, involving her neighbors, are the same to those which previously acted upon by this Office. A barangay certification was issued by the Barangay Chairperson of Budiong, Odiongan, Romblon, stating that Mrs. Dela Austria has been a nuisance in the barangay.

Attached are the following documents for your reference:

- 1) CSW Report of the Investigation Team dated June 30, 2022
- 2) Geotagged photos
- 3) PENRO Special Order No. 22-75 dated June 22, 2022

For information and record.

“For and in the absence of the OIC, PENRO”

  
**THELMO S. HERNANDEZ**  




June 30, 2022

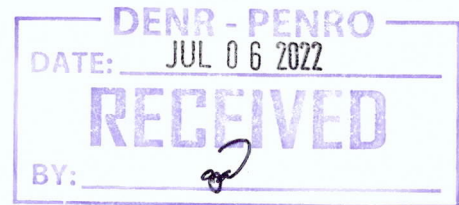
**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The OIC, PENR Officer  
Odiongan, Romblon

**THRU** : The Chief- TSD

**FROM** : Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section

**SUBJECT** : **SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED STAFF WORK (CSW)  
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Finding revealed that her complaints, involving her neighbors, are the same to those which were previously acted upon by this Office. A barangay certification was issued by the Barangay Chairperson of Budiong, Odiongan, stating that Mrs. Dela Austria has been a nuisance in the barangay.

  
SHEILLA JANE M. FORLALES



June 30, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The OIC, PENRO Romblon

**THRU :** The Chief, Technical Services Division

**FROM :** **THE INVESTIGATION TEAM**

**SUBJECT :** **SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED STAFF WORK (CSW)  
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PAGBABALEWALA NG PENRO [2021-75760]**

**I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

On June 20, 2022, this Office received a memorandum from the Regional Office regarding the complaint of Ms. Norma Dela Austria on the alleged water and air pollution caused by the establishments such as piggeries, depots of sand and gravel, parking area of trucks, funeral home, illegal dumping of garbage and other waste materials coming from households in the community

**II. LEGAL BASIS**

***Republic Act No. 6713***

An Act Establishing a Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees, to Uphold the Time-Honored Principle of Public Office Being A Public Trust, Granting Incentives and Rewards for Exemplary Service, Enumerating Prohibited Acts and Transactions and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof and for other Purposes.

***Section 2. Declaration of Policies.*** - It is the policy of the State to promote a high standard of ethics in public service. Public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to the people and shall discharge their duties with utmost responsibility, integrity, competence, and loyalty, act with patriotism and justice, lead modest lives, and uphold public interest over personal interest.



***Republic Act No. 9275 – Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004*** - An Act Providing for a Comprehensive Water Quality Management and for Other Purposes

***Republic Act No. 8749 – Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999*** - An Act Providing for a Comprehensive Air Pollution Control Policy and for Other Purposes

### III. ACTIONS TAKEN

On June 22, 2022, PENRO Special Order No. 22-75 Series of 2022 was issued in order to address the complains stipulated on Mrs. Dela Austria's letter. The investigation team composed of Irwin A. Anzaldo Chief, EMS- EMB, Sheilla Jane M. Forlales – Forester II/ Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section, and Ann J. Adriguez – Special Investigator/Compliance Monitoring and Investigation Unit Head visited the area on June 24, 2022. They are accompanied by Forester II James Mendoza, Unit Head, Surveillance and Intelligence Unit.

The team coordinated with Brgy. Chairperson Robinson Fopalan at Brgy. Budiong, Odiongan, Romblon. Hon. Fopalan joined the team during site inspection and helped interviewed neighbors and residents of Sitio Ilang-Ilang.

### IV. FINDINGS

The results of the investigation revealed that;

1. There are no piggeries in the area. There used to be a hog raising in Mrs. Dela Austria's neighbor in the previous years but during inspection, no hog was raised in the neighborhood. (*Geotagged Photo – Annex 1*)
2. There is a small scale hollow block-making in the area. (*Geotagged Photo – Annex 2*)
3. Some trucks are parked due to a river protection/control being built by the Department of Public Works and Highways
4. There is no funeral home but a casket-making business beside Ms. Dela Austria's property.
5. Illegal dumping of garbage cannot be established as fact. The Brgy. Chairperson, Hon. Robinson Fopalan attests that there is a regular garbage collection by the Local Government of Odiongan thus residents' garbage are properly segregated and collected.
6. Brgy. Chairperson Robinson Fopalan issued a certification stating that Ms. Norma dela Austria is a nuisance complainant to the barangay who have complaint on several issues but do not appear during barangay hearings. Neighbors of Mrs. Dela Austria namely Norbe Fejer, Lolita Forio and Joel Forio can attest to the veracity of the certification issued. (*Annex 3 – Certification from Office of the Barangay Captain - Brgy. Budiong*)
7. Mrs. Dela Austria has been complaining to this Office since 2018. Contrary to her statement that PENRO Romblon has neglected her queries, all her letters were addressed and acted upon and even visited by personnel from the Regional Office headed by Mr. Dennis B. Valdez along with Ms. Bibiana T. Aguha and Mr. Eriberto R. Magnaye, on June 19-21, 2019.



**V. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

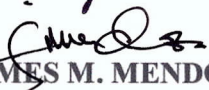
Mrs. Norma dela Austria has been raising “environmental concerns” but mainly pertain to her neighbors who are also subject of a land dispute with her, as per investigation conducted in June 2019.

The Brgy. Certification issued that she has caused nuisance at Sitio-Ilang Ilang, Brgy. Budiong, Odiongan, Romblon can be enough proof that her letters should not be entertained by this office.

Prepared by:

  
**IRWIN A. ANZALDO**  
Chief, EMS- EMB

  
**SHEILLA JANE M. FORLALES**  
Forester II/ Chief, MES

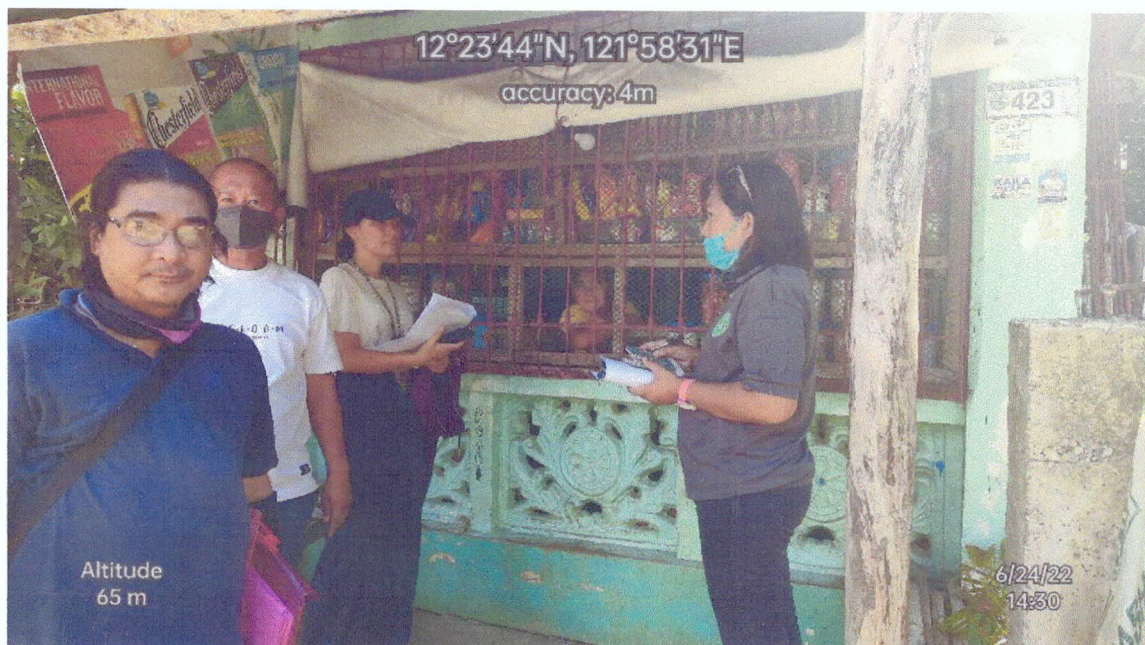
  
**JAMES M. MENDOZA**  
Forester II

  
**ANN J. ADRIGUEZ**  
Special Investigator

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MIMAROPA Region



The Investigation Team with Brgy. Chairperson of Budiong, Odiongan talk with Mrs. Norma dela Austria in front of her home at Sitio Ilang-Ilang, Brgy. Budiong, Odiongan, Romblon, on June 24, 2022.



DENR, PENRO - Romblon  
Brgy. Tabing-Dagat, Odiongan, Romblon  
Tel. # 567-6187



ANNEX 1



There is no piggery in the area. This is what remains of a hog raising activity in the previous years





ANNEX 2



A small scale hollow-block making owned by Mr. Jerome Fallaria, located at least 150 meters away from Mrs. Dela Austria's house. Parked vehicles including trucks are also in the said area due to a river protection/control being built by DPWH.







#### VISION

"A healthy community through an ecologically balance environment. A peace loving inhabitants through the attainment of security, mobilized with self-reliant citizenry through entrepreneur skills towards the achievement of a well-balanced and productive people of Barangay Budiong."

#### MISSION

"To have a peaceful and healthy barangay with an access to outside grants and farm to market roads, promoting a livelihood opportunities and open system of transparent, administration, that is providing a good leadership who manage the resources and manpower planning, and empowering people living at peace with one another in harmony with nature."

#### **BARANGAY BUDIONG** **COUNCIL**

**HON. ROBINSON F. FOPALAN**  
Barangay Captain

**HON. RAMMY F. FERNANDO**  
Committee on Infrastructure  
Committee on Ways and Means

**HON. AIZA F. FAMILARA**  
Committee on Rules and Regulation  
Committee on Tourism

**HON. LYLA F. FALOGME**  
Committee on Barangay Affairs  
Committee on VAWC

**HON. IVY F. FERRANCO**  
Committee on Education and Culture

**HON. EDWIN M. FALLARIA**  
Committee on Agriculture,  
Fisheries / Livelihood

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Committee on Peace and Order, Complaints,  
Grievances and Human Rights

**HON. MARY GRACE M. BALLESTEROS**  
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Committee on Environmental Protection and  
Beautification

**HON. MANDY F. FABON**  
Committee on Youth and Sports  
Development

**JEROME P. FALLARIA**  
Barangay Secretary

**JESTINE ANN M. FIRMALO**  
Barangay Treasurer

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Municipality of Odiongan  
BARANGAY BUDIONG

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### OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY CAPTAIN

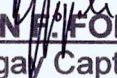
## CERTIFICATION

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that **NORMA F. DELA AUSTRIA**, Filipino citizen, of a legal age is a bonafide resident of Budiong, Odiongan, Romblon.

This is to certify also that she is a nuisance complainant with the intent to vex, harass, and exert undue pressure and stifle our officials. We received numerous complaints and if we invite her to settle/explain on the said matter she did not appear on the hearing showing her non-interest to pursue the said complaints. In fact, all of her neighbors dislike her because of her attitude.

Issued this, **24<sup>th</sup>** day of **JUNE, 2022** upon request of the interested party for whatever legal purpose it may serve him/her best.

  
**ROBINSON F. FOPALAN**  
Barangay Captain



June 22, 2022

**PENRO SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 22-75

Series of 2022

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF INVESTIGATION TEAM FOR THE ALLEGED  
WATER AND AIR POLLUTION AT BRGY. BUDIONG,  
ODIONGAN, ROMBLON**

In the interest of the service and to verify the allegations regarding water and air pollution at Brgy. Budiong, Odiongan, Romblon, the selected personnel are hereby authorized to comprise the investigation team:

Irwin A. Anzaldo – Chief, EMS- EMB

Sheilla Jane M. Forlales – Forester II/ Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section

Ann J. Adriguez – Special Investigator

The Investigation Team shall coordinate with the concerned individuals/LGU/BLGU and investigate the allegations per letters of Mrs. Norma dela Austria dated November 11, 2021 and June 19, 2021 .

They shall submit report with categorical recommendation within seven (7) days after the completion of the activity.

This Order takes effect immediately.

**ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR.**  
OIC, PENRO





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MIMAROPA Region

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**Document Number:** I-2022-90096 **Date Endocded:** 06-Jul-2022

**Sender:** Sheilla Jane M. Forlales, Chief, MES

**Address:** Brgy. Tabing-Dagat, Odiongan, Romblon

**Subject:** Memo dated June 30, 2022 re: Submission of CSW report on the liham na may petsa 11/21/2021 re: Sumbong reklamo ni Ms. Norma F. Dela Austria tungkol sa diumano malakas na pollution at pagbabalewala ng PENRO [2021-75760]

**Addressee:** The OIC, PENRO

**Attachment(s):** Memorandum; CSW, Geotagged Pictures, Barangay Certification, PENRO S.O. No. 22-75, Doc. Routing Slip, Memo dated June 13, 2022 from the RED, Letter dated 11/21/2021 from Norma Dela Austria, Memo undated from RED addressed to PENRO Romblon, Letter dated June 19, 2021 from Norma Dela Austria

**Urgent:** No; received by Lei-Ane

**Date Received:** 06-Jul-2022

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OP	2022-07-06	OP-MSD In-Charge of Office, Thelmo S. Hernandez - Chief, MSD	2022-07-06	Date: 2022-07-06 Status: OUT From: leianegracemgan Message: Forwarded to In-Charge of Office, Thelmo S. Hernandez, Chief, MSD for info. and instruction
	JUL 06 2022	For: II Sheilla	JUL 06 2022	Pls. prepare letter to complainant informing the result of investigation of the team. Indorse the report to R.O.  74
	07 JUL 2022	Chief MES/ For: J. Mendoza		Pls draft memo endorsing/submitting to the p.o. the report of the investigation team. TH MY <u>URGENT</u> 07/07/22



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**Document Number:** E-2022-89077 **Date Endocded:** 20-Jun-2022

**Sender:** Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV

**Address:** MIMAROPA Region, 1515 L&S Bldng. Roxas Boulevard Ermita Manila

**Subject:** Memorandum dated June 13, 2022 re: Liham na may petsa 11/21/2021 re: Sumbong Reklamo ni Ms. Norma F. Dela Austria tungkol sa diumano Malakas na Pollution at pagbabalewala ng DENRO [2021-75760]

**Addressee:** OIC, PENR Officer-Romblon

**Attachment(s):** Memorandum; copies of:  
Handwritten Letter to the RED dated 11/21/2021  
Memorandum with doc no. 67850  
Handwritten Letter dated June 19, 2021

**Urgent:** Yes; received by Mariel

**Date Received:** 20-Jun-2022

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OP	2022-06-20	OP	2022-06-20	Date: 2022-06-20 Status: IN From: ieianegracemgan Message: Forwarded to the OIC-PENR Officer for his info and instructions, please. Thank you.
		Chief, MES		<p>700 (A&amp;AP)</p> <p>ATTN: MES/EMB/MGB</p> <p>create composite team to conduct Investigation - submit report w/ your Recommendation</p> <p><u>Priority</u></p> <p>Pls. draft S.O for the team to conduct the investigation.</p> <p>Pls draft for the composite team to conduct the investigation. Coordinate w/ sir L. Amaldo</p> <p>6/20/22</p> <p>June 20, 2022</p>
		J. Adrijuez		





**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** THE OIC, PENR OFFICER  
Romblon

**FROM :** THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT :** LIHAM NA MAY PETSAS 11/21/2021 RE: SUMBONG  
REKLAMO NI MS. NORMA F. DELA AUSTRIA  
TUNGKOL SA DIUMANO MALAKAS NA POLLUTION  
AT PAGBABALEWALA NG PENRO [2021-75760]

**DATE :** JUN 13 2022

This pertains to the issues and concerns of Ms. Norma F. Dela Austria from Sitio Ilang-Ilang, Brgy. Budiong, Odiongan, Romblon on the alleged water and air pollution caused by the establishments such as piggeries, depots of sand and gravel, parking area of trucks, funeral home, illegal dumping of garbage and other waste materials coming from households in the community.

In her Letter dated June 19, 2021, same issues and concerns were already raised and referred to your end with instruction to conduct investigation.

In reiteration to the Memorandum issued to your end in July 2021 and to finally resolve this matter, please take necessary course of action consistent with existing laws, rules and regulations in coordination with the concerned party/ies. Further, submit report in CSW format within seven (7) days with comment/s and categorical recommendations.

  
**LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV**

CC:

**Norma F. Dela Austria**  
Sitio Ilang-Ilang, Brgy. Budiong  
Odiongan, Romblon



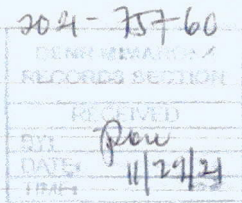
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MIMAROPA Region



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5505 Seteo Ilang, Ilang Brgy - Budiang



Tablas Odiongan

Isla Romblon

-11/21/2021

Gng - Maria Lourdes G. Ferrer Cesot III

Regional Executive Director

Mina Ropa Region

1515 L&S Building Roxas Boulevard

Ermita, Manila 1000

Maikol namang Ginhang Maria Lourdes G.  
Ferrer ang sinasabing kong Seteo ay Ilang,  
Ilang hinde Ilong, Ilong sa Baranggay -  
Budiang Odiongan Romblon. ang lakas  
ng pollution dito sa Seteo. Babuyan -  
pagana-an ng kabaang ng puneranya na -  
hinde nyo isinulat - sand gravel depot -



2) pag gawain ng hallow blocks parkingan -  
ng mga truck. sasakyan at makina ng pag-  
gawa ng hallow blocks - at iba pa - pag tapon ng -  
basena at ang mga kanal galing sa hinugasan -  
sa mga bahay o ka bahayan - at pinaghugasan  
ng sasakyang puna-arya - mabaho ng pintura  
at kinakal - amoy ng dunai ng mga baboy -  
itoy pang sira ng mga tao at kelikasan -  
pati ang tubig ko dito sa puso negro at -  
dito pinapapasos sa loob ng bakuran ko -  
para akoy mag kasakit ng covid 19! talagang -  
sinasadya nila ito - pati palikuran ay dito -  
sa habing kalsada - Honggang ngayon ay na-  
lang isinagawa ang PENRO na sabi nyo -  
ay sa loob ng limang araw -! araw itong PENRO  
itoy parang bale wala ang mga sinulat ninyo -

3) Walang PENRO na pumopunta nito -

River bank Protection at Easement  
na 6 meters na dapat ang mga ahensya DILG  
DOT ay pailongin lahat ng tao sa seteo sa-  
kanilang pag gawa nitong River Esplanade  
tulad ng sa mga ibang malaking bayan ciudad  
na Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Manila (Pasig) dahil  
Tourismong proyekto ng bayan at probensya-  
ang TUMATABO PASSAGWAY ng dalawang ilog  
Bagon at Bagonay si Bibiana Lyn T. Aguila -  
LMO 1, Enforcement Division ang nagsabi na ang-  
easement might ay 6 meter at sake nina-  
ay pueyde siyang mag survey -  
kalakip itong mga letrado.

Salamat

Norma F. dela Astina





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MIMAROPA Region

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MEMORANDUM

TO : The PENRO  
Romblon

FROM : The Regional Executive Director


SUBJECT : LETTER OF MS. NORMA DELA AUSTRIA RE:  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIVERBANK PROTECTION  
PROJECT AND EASEMENT CONCERNS AT SITIO ILONG-  
ILONG, BRGY. BUDIONG, ODIONGAN, ROMBLON

Referred is a letter dated June 19, 2021 of Ms. Norma Dela Austria of Sitio Ilong-Ilong, Brgy. Budiong, Odiongan, Romblon regarding the above subject.

Based on the letter, Ms. Dela Austria raised her concerns on the possible water and air pollution caused by the establishments such as piggeries, depots of sand and gravel and parking areas of dump-trucks erected near Iloilo river.

In line with this, you are hereby directed to conduct an immediate investigation, in coordination with all the parties concerned, to determine the veracity of the complaint. Submit report with categorical recommendations within five (5) working days upon receipt hereof, which will serve as basis for further action by this Office.

For strict compliance.

  
MARIA LOURDES G. FERRER, CESO III

5 2 JUL 2021

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Cc: Ms. Norma Dela Austria  
Sitio Ilong-Ilong, Brgy. Budiong,  
Odiongan, Romblon

Department of Tourism  
2<sup>nd</sup> flr., 351 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave.,  
Bel-Air II, Makati City

Department of Interior and Local Government  
DILG NAPOLCOM Center,  
Edsa Corner Quezon Ave., West Triangle,  
Quezon City

C/O  
Mac  
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5505 Sela Ilona, Ilona Brgy. Budiong - 06/19/2021

Tablas Odiongan

Isla Romblon

Thru: Bernadette Puyat Romulo

DOT- Department of Tourism

Gril Puyat Avenue Makati

ang DOT, DILG DENR

ang tatlong sangay ng gobyerno para sa pag-  
patupad ng turismo ng bansa. Lahat ng alitin-  
turin para sa ikatambal ng turismo ay dapat-  
po! ilahad sa mga tao. Tulad ng ginawa nyo-  
sa Boracay at iba pang mga lugar sa Pilipinas.  
Bakit po! dito sa amin ay sinisira nila ang kalitas  
sa ang ilog na wala ang mga queneys sagaglagay-  
ng river bank protection at di ginawa ang river  
bank easement, na tulad na naging namir sa



2. Ibang lugar Tulad po! ng sa Iloilo River -

napakasalap po po! ay pinayagang ilagay ng  
pagmamahal ng mga kabataang, mga better blocks

imbakan ng grava, kungkong, at ganahian ng -

mga dump truck sasakyan at ibaga. mga culture

ngon ng tabay, kailangan po! ito ay maayos ng

local tourism office. padoon po! sa inyong kum

munitasyon at mapagtipad pati'ong 25+5 -

sea shore easement, fill water sa beach area

at ibaga. Di at po! ito ma inggitian imbestigasyon

ng DENR, DILG, DPWH at ibagong ahensya ng

gobyerno - napalatak po! dito sa lugar napin-

nasatat sa ulo. lalo po! pang nagkataong kumataw

akong unang biktima, kalatip po! itong mga piden

dito sa loob ng balcon ko at ibaga pag ditopoi

walang mapagtipungan ng kama.

3. kanyo! saingyo ko gine-abot itong mga problem

kalakip sa itong mga letrado-at-baga-

Salamat

~~no-mat-letrado~~

N.B - kalakip sa itong papel

a. Memorandum Circular no. 2019-12 - 2 Jul. 2019

b. Executive Order no-33 Series of 2019

c. Show line Easement 25+5

D. ~~letrado~~



N.B. Tanong po! Sa mga Department <sup>EXEC</sup> Executive

Cader na ito, Siguro malaki ang tanong ito!

na kong bakit po ang Mero na tinatanyag ito -

ay ibang Offician, Hindi Environmentalist -

oh! Agriculture Service Tourism person -

at municipal Administration. Di naman sya

nag aral ng o nag train ng ne Public -

Administration, Allowed po! bang Civil

Service Commission oh! ng Professional

Regulatory Board, kayapo! di naman mala-

man kong ano-ano Titulo, gawad ng po, sa

mga naka assign sa mga Committee - ng nag-

papalakad ng mga panatiliang ito.

Sabi' tulog ng po! kami para po! maintain-

dihan naming lahat dito kong ano itong mga

Curriculum na patupad ninyo sa Road Clearance

1947

2. etiga wada naman kaming mapagtakungar

nito, at kalinimitar po! ay walang sagot sa

amang ngatawong! Stonya lang kaming labai

kayapo! walang kaalam alam ang isang ka

laban sa magapinagatatipad na batas.