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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
(DENR)

Thru : **LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV**

Regional Executive Director

DENR Region IV - B

Roxas Boulevard, Ermita Manila

Re: Revalidation Survey of the Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm

Dear Secretary Loyzaga:

We write regarding the above-captioned matter.

The Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF), formerly known as the Iwahig Penal Colony, was first established in 1904 when the Insular Government reserved an area covering 28,072 hectares of land. In 1912, then acting Governor General Newton W. Gilbert signed Executive Order No. 67 (1912) which expanded the reservation area of the penal colony to 41,007 hectares.

Since the 1950s, the area of the IPPF reservation has been reduced thru a series of presidential proclamations, to wit,

Proclamation No. 50 (1954) Issued by President Ramon Magsaysay, excluded from the operations of EO 67 an area of 1,329 hectares which portion was declared open for disposition under the Public Land Act.

Proclamation No. 97 (1954) Issued by President Ramon Magsaysay, excluded from the operations of EO 67 an area of 1,066 hectares which portion was declared open for disposition under the Public Land Act for settlement purposes.

Proclamation No. 2174 (1982) Issued by President Ferdinand E. Marcos, excluded from the operation of EO 67 an area of 500 hectares and reserved the same for a provincial agriculture center site for the Palawan Integrated Area Development Project.

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Proclamation No.350 Issued by President Fidel Ramos, exclude from the operations of EO 67 an area (1994) as amend by of 1,072 hectares and declared as an environment estate.
Proclamation No.718 (1996)

Proclamation No.718 Issued by the President Gloria Arroyo, exclude from the operation of EO 67 an area of 1,439 hectares and declared as civil reservation for settlement and agricultural site purposes.

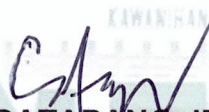
In view of the aforementioned developments affecting the original IPPF reservation area as established under EO 67 (1912), a survey of the property is necessary to verify and confirm its boundaries vis-a-vis the portions that have been excluded by presidential proclamation.

To this end, we are respectfully requesting the DENR to conduct and undertake the requisite resurvey of the IPPF reservation area.

We look forward to your favorable response.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,


GEN GREGORIO PIO P CATAPANG JR., AFP (Ret.), CESE
Director General