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The inventory of the tobacco stocks of the PVTA conducted by the President's Trouble Shooters revealed that:

- 344 hogsheads are missing from the Farmers' Virginia Tobacco Redriers (FVTR) warehouses at Bauang, La Union.
- In addition, 200 hogsheads were found open in the same warehouses, their contents pilfered or spoiled because of exposure to dust, insects, and the elements.
- 2786 bales of threshed tobacco are piled in the PTFC & RC warehouses. These tobaccos have been in storage for 5 to 6 years and are expected to have deteriorated.

You are, therefore, directed:

- (a) To conduct a thorough inquiry to determine responsibility for the loss of 344 hogsheads and the pilferage of the contents of 200 hogsheads in the warehouses of the FVTR, at Banang, La Union, and to prepare the appropriate administrative charges against the officials and employees of the PVTA who are responsible for the irregularity;
- (b) To suspend payment of all warehousing and other fees that are due or to become due the FVTR from the PFTA until the outcome of the inquiry is determined;
- (c) To sell the remaining stocks in the FVTR warehousing as well as the 2,786 bales of threshed tobacco in the PTFC & RC bodegas at the earliest possible time; and
- (d) To adopt adequate security measures to safeguard stocks of the PVTA.

Report results of action taken.

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