

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 72, April 29, 2003]

DIRECTING THE PREVENTIVE SUSPENSION OF DIRECTOR RICARDO B. MACALA OF THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS FOR NINETY DAYS PENDING HIS ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION BY THE PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-GRAFT COMMISSION, AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF JUSTICE TO DESIGNATE AN INTERIM OFFICER-IN-CHARGE FOR THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS.

WHEREAS, Director Ricardo B. Macala of the Bureau of Corrections is the subject of a complaint for grave misconduct/unexplained wealth and nepotism instituted by certain concerned employees of the Bureau of Corrections;

WHEREAS, Senior State Prosecutor Teresita Reyes-Domingo, the fact-finding investigator designated by Secretary of Justice Simeon Datumanong, found sufficient bases to charge Director Macala for said offenses, and thus recommended the filing of formal charges, the referral of the case to the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC), and the preventive suspension of Director Macala to avoid tampering, destruction, substitution or loss of important documents, and the harassment of witnesses;

WHEREAS, the entire records of the case has been transmitted PAGC for formal investigation;

WHEREAS, PAGC has recommended that Director Macala be placed under Preventive Suspension for a Period of Ninety (90) days considering the gravity of the charges imputed against him and to avoid tampering, destruction, substitution or loss of important documents, and the harassment of witnesses pending investigation of his case by PAGC;

WHEREAS, Book V, Title I, Subtitle A, Chapter 6, Section 51 of the Administrative Code of 1987 provides legal basis for the President as the proper disciplining authority to preventively suspend a Presidential appointee pending an investigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERTO G. ROMULO, Executive Secretary, by authority of Her Excellency, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby order the **Preventive Suspension of Director Ricardo B. Macala of the Bureau of Corrections, for a period of Ninety (90) Days** commencing from receipt of this Order, considering the gravity of charges imputed against him, and to avoid tampering, destruction, substitution or loss of important documents, and the harassment of witnesses pending investigation of his case by PAGC.

To ensure the continuity of the operations of the Bureau of Corrections, and to