

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 355, August 28, 1973]

**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO RE-INVESTIGATE THE CHARGES
AGAINST BENIGNO S. AQUINO, JR., ET. AL**

WHEREAS, criminal charges were filed against Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. and others with Military Commission No. 2 by the Chief, Prosecution Staff, Judge Advocate General's Office, AFP, docketed therein as follows:

1. People of the Philippines vs. Benigno S. Aquino, Jr., Crim. Case No. MC-2-19 for illegal possession of firearms, ammunitions, explosives and accessories.
2. People of the Philippines vs. Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. and Benjamin Bie, Jr. Alias Comdr. Melody, Crim. Case No. MC-2-20 for violation of RA 1700.
3. People of the Philippines vs. Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. and Benjamin Sanguyo Alias Comdr. Pusa, Crim. Case No. MC-2-21 for violation of RA 1700.
4. People of the Philippines vs. Benigno S. Aquino, Jr., Bernabe Buscayno Alias Comdr. Dante, Peter Doe Alias Peter Ilocano, Joseph Doe Alias Puriok, Crim. Case No. MC-2-22 for murder.
5. People of the Philippines vs. Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. and Bernabe Buscayno Alias Comdr. Dante, Crim. Case No. MC-2-23 for violation of RA 1700.
6. People of the Philippines vs. Benigno S. Aquino, Jr., Benjamin Sanguyo Alias Comdr. Pusa and PC Lt. Victor Corpuz, Crim. Case No. MC-2-24 for violation of RA 1700.

WHEREAS, said charges were filed after due investigation by the Prosecution Staff of the Judge Advocate General's Office;

WHEREAS, Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. and his counsel have repeatedly complained, orally and in writing, that the accused has been denied his constitutional right to due process and have openly questioned the regularity and fairness of the application to him of the established procedure sanctioned by law and practice;

WHEREAS, although the Prosecution Staff is assumed to have conducted a fair and impartial initial investigation, it is desirable to reassure the accused that he continues to enjoy his constitutional right to due process and to remove any doubt whatsoever in the mind of anybody that only after finding a prima facie case against him were charges files;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the above purpose that a Committee be created to conduct a reinvestigation of said charges to demonstrate that everything is being