

[**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 43, July 10, 1954**
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**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE MINING ACCIDENTS
AND TO LOOK INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BUREAU OF MINES
FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHETHER IT HAS DONE
ITS DUTY OF PROTECTING MINERS.**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, Ramon Magsaysay, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a Committee composed of the following:

Mr. Servillano Aquino	Chairman
Mr. Manuel Aycardo	Member
Mr. Edgardo Villavicencio	Member

to investigate mining accidents, such as that in Paracale, Camarines Norte, in 1952; that in Looc, Batangas, in 1950 or 1951; that in Pambujan Sur, Samar, in 1951; that in a coal mine of the Cebu Portland Cement Company in Cebu; and that in Surigao in May 1954.

The Committee shall also look into the activities of the Bureau of Mines for the purpose of determining whether it has done its duty of taking steps for the protection of workers in mines.

The Committee is hereby granted all the powers of an investigating committee under sections 71 and 580 of the Revised Administrative Code, including the power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony or evidence relevant to the investigation. It is also authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government for such assistance or information as it may require in the performance of its functions, and for this purpose, it shall have access to, and the right to examine, any books, documents, papers or records thereof.

This Committee shall submit its report and recommendations within the shortest time possible.

Done in the City of Manila, this 10th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) **RAMON MAGSAYSAY**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **FRED RUIZ CASTRO**
Executive Secretary