

## [ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 251, July 31, 1970 ]

### CREATING A PRESIDENTIAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON LAND PROBLEMS

WHEREAS, among the most serious problems that confront the country today are the disputes over land between small settlers and big land owners;

WHEREAS, it is a basic policy that the government should provide greater protection and assistance to small settlers, small landholders and members of the cultural minorities;

WHEREAS, land disputes create tension between small settlers, members of the cultural minorities and other claimants and result in social unrest;

WHEREAS, there is urgent need to coordinate the activities of many different agencies involved in the implementation of land and forestry laws, as well as agencies attending to the needs of small settlers and cultural minorities, in order to obtain immediate settlement of land problems and to protect and insure justice for small settlers and members of minority groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, hereby create a Presidential Action Committee on Land Problems (PACLAP) to expedite and coordinate the investigation and resolution of land disputes, streamline and shorten administrative procedures, adopt bold and decisive measures to solve land problems, and/or recommend other solutions.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Secretary of the Agriculture and Natural Resources	Chairman
Undersecretary for Natural Resources	Action Officer
Undersecretary for Agriculture	Action Officer
Justice Undersecretary Guillermo Santos	Member
Defense Undersecretary Efren Plana	Member
PANAMIN Chairman Manuel Elizalde, Jr.	Member
PC Chief General Eduardo Garcia	Member
CNI Chairman Datu Mama Sinsuat	Member
SFC Chairman Raoul Beloso	Member
LA Deputy Governor Ernesto Valdez	Member
Agrarian Counsel Felix Diaz	Member