

MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 153

CREATING A COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE PLANS  
TO EXPLOIT THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF  
THE CANDABA SWAMPS BY CONVERTING  
THEM INTO AN ECONOMIC ASSET IN THE DE-  
VELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

WHEREAS, the Candaba swamps in the Province of Pam-  
panga with an area of 800 square miles comprised in the  
public domain have provided ideal hiding place for subver-  
sive elements; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that said swamps may be con-  
verted into fishponds, duck farms, agricultural lands and  
other productive enterprises;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the  
Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law,  
do hereby create a Committee composed of the following:

Mr. Deogracias Villadolid, Director of Fish- eries .....	Chairman
Col. Alfonso Arellano, AFP .....	Member
Mr. Francisco Marquez, Administrative Offi- cer, Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources .....	Member
Mr. E. Santos, City Engineer, Baguio .....	Member
Mr. Jose Pañganiban, National Development Co. ....	Member

which shall formulate plans to exploit the natural resources  
of the Candaba swamps by converting them into an econ-  
omic asset instead of their being largely a social liability.  
It shall study ways and means for the construction of fish-  
ponds and the establishment of duck farms, agricultural  
farms and other productive enterprises conducive to the  
promotion of the national economy.

The Committee is hereby empowered to call upon any officer or employée of any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including the corporations owned or controlled by it, for such assistance as it may need in the performance of its functions.

The Committee shall submit its report and recommendations to the President of the Philippines as soon as possible.

Done in the City of Manila, this 13th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and of the independence of the Philippines, the fifth.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO

*President of the Philippines*

By the President:

TEODORO EVANGELISTA

*Executive Secretary*

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