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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 205 ✓

REMOVING MR. MONICO D. CLEMEÑA FROM OFFICE AS CHIEF OF  
POLICE OF GINGOOG CITY.

This is an administrative case filed by Ex-Mayor Domingo G. de Lara of Gingoog City against Chief of Police Monico D. Clemeña for serious irregularities (falsification of public document), specifically stated as follows:

"That on or about the 11th day of July 1961, in the City of Gingoog, Philippines, and within the supervision of this Office, the above-named accused Monico D. Clemeña, being then the incumbent and an ad-interim appointee Chief of Police of Gingoog City, with intent to defraud and deceive the Commission on Appointments did then and there willfully, unlawfully and feloniously fill up and state on the blanks in the Personal Information Sheet of the Office of the Commission on Appointments that he attended in 1926 second year college at San Carlos, Cebu City, and a second grade civil service in 1931 and did subscribe and swear as to the truth of those statements before then acting City Mayor of Gingoog City, Arturo S. Lugod, when in fact and in truth, said accused fully knew that said statements were false and not true and made solely to convince the Commission on Appointments in the month of May 1962."

About the same time a criminal case was filed against respondent with the Court of First Instance of Misamis Oriental which was, however, dismissed by the court for lack of evidence.

The administrative complaint, which had been filed with the Police Commission, was referred to the Board of Investigators for appropriate action. However, the Board called the attention of the Police Commission that the respondent, being a presidential appointee, was not within its jurisdiction to investigate. The Police Commission then requested, and was given, authority from the President to create an ad hoc committee to conduct a formal investigation.

The record discloses that respondent Monico D. Clemeña was appointed chief of police of Gingoog City on June 9, 1961 and his appointment was confirmed on May 3,



1962; and that on January 31, 1967, or about five years after his appointment, Ex-Mayor De Lara filed this administrative complaint. When the ad hoc committee commenced the investigation complainant formally requested the dismissal of the case against respondent on the ground that he and his witnesses were no longer interested in further prosecuting respondent. Notwithstanding this manifestation of the complainant, the Board proceeded with the investigation which elicited the following:

With regard to the statement by respondent that in 1926 he was enrolled as second year college at San Carlos University, the records of said university presented during the investigation and corroborated by the testimony of the Vice-President, the Chief of the Records Section and the Registrar of said university, indisputably show that respondent never studied and/or graduated from said university, as stated in his information sheet.

As to his statement about his civil service eligibility, the records of the Civil Service Commission which was presented at the hearing and bolstered by the testimony of the Chief Examiner of the commission, show that respondent never applied for or took the police examination given by the Civil Service Commission from 1929 to 1968 either in Manila or in Cagayan de Oro City. What appears in the records is that he took the third grade civil service examination on May 11, 1929, which he passed. He likewise took the second grade civil service examination on January 5, 1935 but failed as he obtained only twenty percent (20%) in Arithmetic.

The only defense presented by respondent was the dismissal order of the court in the criminal case filed against him under the same facts.

From the above findings, the conclusion is inevitable that respondent is guilty as charged, his acts constituting dishonesty and misconduct as found by the Police Commission.

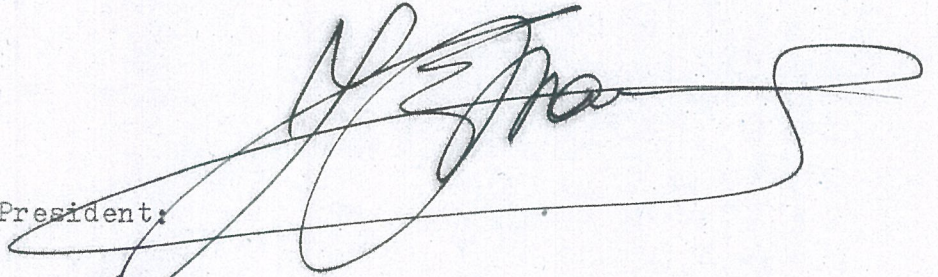
An administration bent on purging the public service of dishonest and unscrupulous officials and employees cannot treat this case with leniency, and if only to serve as an object lesson to others who may be similarly inclined, I am constrained to take drastic action against the respondent.

Wherefore, and as recommended by the Police Commission, Mr. Monico D. Clemeña is hereby removed from office as Chief of Police of Gingoog City effective as of the date of his preventive suspension.



Done in the City of Manila this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February,  
in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy.

By the President:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the President mentioned in the text above.A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alejandro Melchor'.

ALEJANDRO MELCHOR  
Acting Executive Secretary

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