

MALACAÑANG
Manila

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 226

CREATING AN *AD HOC* COMMITTEE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO ASSIST THE PRESIDENT IN DECIDING THE APPEAL FROM THE DECISION OF MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD (MTRCB) IN FORMER PRESIDENT JOSEPH ESTRADA'S BIOGRAPHICAL FILM/NEWSREEL "ANG BUHAY PARA SA MASA"

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1986 dated 5 October 1985, creating the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board ("MTRCB), provides that " the second decision of the Board shall be final, with the exception of a decision disapproving or prohibiting a motion picture or television program in its entirety which shall be appealable to the President of the Philippines, who may by himself decide the appeal, or he may be assisted either by an ad hoc committee he may create or by an Appeals Committee herein created;"

WHEREAS, there is a need to create and Ad Hoc Committee to assist the President in deciding the appeal from the Decision of MTRCB.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDUARDO R. ERMITA, Executive Secretary by authority of Her Excellency GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Creation* - There is hereby created an Ad-Hoc Committee to assist the President in deciding the appeal from the Decision of MTRCB in former President Estrada's biographical film/newsreel "*Ang Buhay Para Sa Masa*";

SECTION 2. *Composition*. The Ad-Hoc Committee shall be composed of Five (5) members appointed by the President, as follows:

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| 1) Representative of the President | - Chairman |
| 2) Representative of the Press Secretary | - Vice Chairman |
| 3) Representative of the National Youth Commission | - Member |
| 4) Representative of the Movie Industry | - Member |
| 5) Representative of the Television Industry | - Member |

The report of findings of the Committee shall be in the form of a Resolution and the vote of at least three (3) concurring members of the Committee shall be required for the validity of a Committee decision.

SECTION 3. *Functions* - The Ad-Hoc Committee shall have no other function, except to conduct a review of the appealed Decision of MTRCB, and thereafter submit its findings and recommendation to the President, stating the basis and reasons therefor, within thirty (30) days from submission of the appeal for resolution.

SECTION 4. *Rules and Regulations* - The Committee shall promulgate and adopt its own rules of procedure in the conduct of its review and proceedings.

SECTION 5. *Secretariat* - The Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs (ODESLA) shall serve as the Secretariat of the Ad-Hoc Committee.

SECTION 6. *Administrative and Budgetary Support* - The Office of the President (OP) shall provide the necessary administrative and budgetary support. In addition, the MTRCB shall provide and extend such assistance and cooperation as may be required by the Committee.

SECTION 7. *Dissolution* - Within a period of six (6) months or upon submission of its report and recommendation to the President, whichever comes first, the Ad-Hoc Committee shall be deemed automatically dissolved.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity* - This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately. 22 September 2006

By authority of the President:



EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary