

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY MANILA

097-13 OPWH (R)

19 April 1993

DEPARTMENT ORDER)

NO. (1993 4))20

SUBJECT:

Banning Messrs. BOY BELLEZA

and ED MAILUM from DPWH

Premises

In the hearing this morning, 19 April 1993, of the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigation (Blue Ribbon), the names of Messrs. Boy Belleza and Ed Mailum (not Ed Malilim) were mentioned as the ones who orchestrated during the meetings of the contractors at the Admiral Hotel and Josephine Restaurant the biddings for the ₱57.3 million Porac-Gumain Diversion Channel project and the ₱60 million desilting of Abacan River, both in Pampanga.

Moreover, in the Manila Bulletin issue of 17 April 1993, under the column of Olaf S. Giron, captioned "New DPWH scam bared," and the Manila Standard issue, also of 17 April 1993, under Fel V. Maragay's column, captioned "LAHARSCAM II", their names were also mentioned as "orchestrating" the bidding arrangements.

These allegations, if true, are serious and considered a classical case of economic sabotage considering that rigged bidding results in the incurrence by the government of enormous amount over and above the real cost of the project, to the prejudice of the public.

Wherefore, by way of preventive measure, above-named persons are hereby barred from entering the DPWH Central Office premises and all offices under the Department. Likewise, any transaction made by these persons in behalf of any contractor will not be entertained.

Concomitant to this Department Order, all officials/ heads of offices as well as security personnel of this Department, be in the Central Office or in the field offices, are hereby enjoined to enforce this Department Order barring above-named persons from entering DPWH premises.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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