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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

March 23, 2007

NO. 2007-29

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF AN INVENTORY OF ALL HIGH RISK DETAINEES CONFINED IN PROVINCIAL, DISTRICT, CITY AND MUNICIPAL JAILS

Pursuant to the Memorandum of the Office of the President dated February 20, 2007 signed by Executive Secretary Eduardo R. Ermita, there exists the need to identify high risk detainees in all jails and transfer them to more secure facilities taking into account recent events and the recurring threats to national security.

The term "High Risk Detainees" refers to all those who are considered highly dangerous and require a greater degree of security, control and supervision, and include those charged with heinous crimes such as Murder, Kidnapping for Ransom, Economic Sabotage, syndicated or organized crimes, and others.

Under the said Memorandum, the Secretaries of Interior and Local Government, Justice and National Defense; the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; the Chief of the Philippine National Police; the Chief of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology; and all Provincial Governors are directed to consider precautionary actions, and to immediately undertake the following measures:

- a. Conduct of an inventory of all high risk detainees confined in jails within their respective areas of responsibility;
- b. Augmentation of security personnel in jails with high risk detainees with PNP and/or AFP elements;
- c. Conduct of a security survey covering all jails in the locality and identification of the most secure structure that satisfy the requirements of a security-intensive detention facility, including detention areas inside military or police camps, if there be any;

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- d. Filing of the appropriate motion or petition in the proper court to effect the transfer of high risk detainees to a detention facility identified to be the most secure in the area, and coordination with the Supreme Court of the Office of the Court Administrator, so that the trial of high risk detainees will be held within the detention facility;
- e. Transfer of custodial responsibilities over all insular prisoners or those already convicted to the New Bilibid Prison of the Bureau of Corrections, irrespective of whether they still have pending cases before other courts;
- f. Sharing of intelligence information regarding any planned escape or rescue of high risk detainees, and undertaking immediate action to prevent such escape or rescue; and
- g. Establishment of a database and central monitoring system to determine the status and progress of cases involving high risk detainees.

Relative to the above, all Provincial Governors are hereby directed to comply with the Executive Secretary's directive and submit the required inventory of all high risk detainees confined in jails within their respective areas of responsibility to, through channels, the Chief, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology at 144 Juco Bldg., Mindanao Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City.

For any query and further instructions, please coordinate with the Office of the Undersecretary for Public Safety at 10F, A. Francisco Gold Condominium II, EDSA corner Mapagmahal Street, Diliman, Quezon City, through Telephone Numbers 920-7783 and 925-9114.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all Provincial Governments within their regional assignments.

For strict compliance.


RONALDO V. PUNO
Secretary 