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T O : THE PLANNING & POLICY OFFICE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND FINANCE, MANAGEMENT AND
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION OF THE PLACE OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF
IN THE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

For the guidance of all concerned, Executive Order No. 129-A modifying Executive Order No. 129 Reorganizing And Strengthening The Department of Agrarian Reform And for Other Purposes explicitly provides in Section 11 that the Public Affairs Staff falls under the Office of the Secretary. Moreover, Section 32 of the same order provides for "Prohibition Against Structural Changes" and that "No change in the reorganization herein prescribed shall be valid except upon prior approval of the President."

Furthermore, the General Appropriations Act of 1992 which effectively affected the organization in certain government agencies has clearly placed the Public Affairs Staff directly under the Office of the Secretary.

In view of the aforesaid expressed intent of the law, and notwithstanding internal Department policy to the contrary, the Director who heads the Public Affairs Staff is directly responsible and required to report directly to the Secretary. In this connection, Special Order No. 279 of the Secretary, Series of 1990 which directed the transfer of the Public Affairs Staff to the Planning and Policy Office has been rescinded.

For your information and guidance.


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Secretary