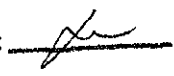


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT ESCAPE OF FOUR ARMY JUNIOR OFFICERS WHO ARE ACCUSED OF LEADING THE SHORT-LIVED OAKWOOD MUTINY IN MAKATI CITY IN 2003

WHEREAS, the Philippine Army, through its Commanding General Lieutenant General Hermogenes Esperon, has confirmed the escape of four of its Junior Officers allegedly implicated in the so-called "Oakwood Mutiny" in Makati from their detention center at Fort Bonifacio at around nine o'clock in the evening of January 17, 2006;

WHEREAS, based on report of the Philippine Army the four junior officials are First Lieutenants Lawrence San Juan, Sonny Sarmiento, Nathaniel Rabonza, and Patricio Bumindang, who belong to the Army's Special Forces Unit before their detention;

WHEREAS, there have been reports that the officials were allowed to escape their detention facility by enlisted personnel and their superior officers who are sympathetic to the cause of the escapees;

WHEREAS, there is a controversial insinuation that allude to the fact that these four junior officials may have been liquidated or executed considering that the current detention facility is well-guarded and seems physically impossible to escape from due to the high walls and barbed wires installed therein;

WHEREAS, this recent incident puts the entire Philippine Army establishment in a bad light and raises more questions that need immediate answers to determine what measures can be put in place to better secure all detention facilities and give more permanent solutions to the main reason of the mutiny last 2003 – the prevalent corruption in the military establishment. *Now, therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, Directing The Senate Committee On National Defense To Investigate, In Aid Of Legislation, The Recent Escape Of Four Army Junior Officers Who Are Accused Of Leading The Short-Lived Oakwood Mutiny In Makati City In 2003.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.
Senator