



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
MANILA

Sept. 16, 1991

CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 83-91

FOR: The District Collectors of Customs of
- Port of Manila, Manila International
Container Port, Ninoy Aquino Inter-
national Airport
- All Other Collection Districts and
Sub-Ports and
All Concerned

The law office of COPE, SUAREZ & ASSOCIATES in its letter dated March 12, 1991 to the Commissioner of Customs has denounced the unauthorized activities within the customs zone of one PEDRO "PETE" ILAGAN who victimized its client Andres S. Bahillo by falsely representing himself to be a licensed customs broker.

A complaint for estafa has been filed against said Ilagan by Bahillo docketed as I.S. No. 90-21734 in the Office of the City Prosecutor, Manila, arising from the failure of Ilagan to have Bahillo's (actually, his uncle's) Mercedes Benz car released from customs custody and his failure to return the sum of P126,000 which Ilagan demanded and which Bahillo gave to Ilagan on various dates.

For this reason, counsel for Bahillo, in its letter of March 12, 1991, prayed for the cancellation of Ilagan's license as customs broker and the payment and return of the P126,000 to Bahillo.

Inquiries made at the MICP, POM and NAIA as to the validity of Ilagan's representation that he is a licensed customs broker produced negative results. All three district ports/airport has duly certified that the name PEDRO "PETE" ILAGAN does not appear in their Register of Licensed Customs Brokers.

The request of counsel that Ilagan be made to return the sum of P126,000 to Bahillo is beyond the Bureau's power to do so, it being a simple case of collection of a sum of money between two private parties cognizable only by a court of justice.

Premises considered, and in view of the gravity of Ilagan's illicit activities, it is hereby ordered that he be barred from entering customs zone as well as from transacting business with the Bureau.

Salvador M. Mison
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Commissioner of Customs