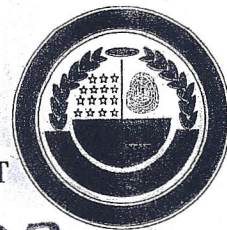




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MEMORANDUM

TO : All Regional Directors, PROs

FROM : TDIDM/TF USIG Commander

SUBJECT : Expansion of TF USIG Mandate: Inclusion of Death of Foreign Nationals (DFNs)

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1. References:

- HEPGMA directive;
- LOI TF USIG dated August 20, 2008;
- Strengthening of Regional Task Force USIG (RTFU) dated April 7, 2009; and
- SVI of the C, PNP during the Command Conference on April 13, 2009.

2. The recent increase of killings against foreign nationals sojourning in our jurisdiction is a cause for alarm and concern especially from the diplomatic community. As per instruction of Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to the C, PNP, **Death of Foreign Nationals (DFN)** should be given preferential attention to, show internationally that these violent killings are intensely investigated and that justice is served in order to show that our country is a secure haven for locals and foreigners alike.

3. Henceforth, the existing mandate of Task Force USIG is hereby expanded to include **Death of Foreign Nationals (DFN)**, in addition to killings of militant party list members/leftist activists and media practitioners. DFNs will be treated as a distinct category that shall be maintained under a separate listing vis a vis those claimed as Extralegal Killings (ELKs) of militants/leftist activists and media practitioners.

4. As a working guide:

a. **Deaths of Foreign National (DFNs)** is defined as death of a non-Filipino citizen or national either residing or temporarily staying in the country thru any of the following circumstances:

- Violent or intentional means* irrespective of the motive behind the killing;
- Natural causes* such as old age, illness, myocardial infarction, acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis, other medical conditions and health related reasons;
- Accidental causes* due to unforeseen and fortuitous events such as drowning, calamities, vehicular mishaps, criminal negligence, and other analogous circumstances; and

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4) *Suicide* or voluntary taking by a foreign national of his own life consummated without any intervention;

b. Only DFN thru violent or intentional means shall be strictly treated as a TF USIG case. Once duly validated, DFNs thru other causes shall be declassified and treated as local police matter. However, TF USIG Secretariat will record all types of DFNs in a separate listing for reference purposes.

c. Pursuant to ref 1c para 4 sub para i, the RTFU shall validate all reported DFN case to establish the nationality of the foreigner and determine the facts and circumstances surrounding the death of the victim within a period of five (5) days after the occurrence of the crime. In the absence of such validation, the case shall be deemed TF USIG case pursuant to ref 1b;

d. Spot reports, investigation reports, progress reports and a copy of the complete case folder of all types of DFNs shall be submitted to this Directorate (Attn: TF USIG Secretariat) with Telefax 724-87-73 and 724-99-16; and

5. The organizational set up, operational concepts, tasking, instructions and guidelines specifically outlaid in ref 1b and 1c are still in place and effect and shall be strictly observed in handling DFNs by the RTFUs.

6. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Only DFN cases from January 2009 to date shall be taken cognizance by TF USIG;

b. For statistics and reference purposes; DFN cases shall be backtracked from 2001 - 2008. Revisit, prepare and gather all these cases for transmittal to TF USIG Secretariat that shall record consolidate and monitor the same; and,

c. Above paragraph notwithstanding, although not strictly treated as TF USIG case, similar best efforts shall be exerted by every concerned PROs/local police to resolve all DFN cases from 2001 to 2008.

7. This directive supplements the relevant provisions of LOI TFUSIG dated August 20, 2008 and Memo dated April 7, 2009 Strengthening of RTFUs.

8. For strict compliance and widest dissemination.


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