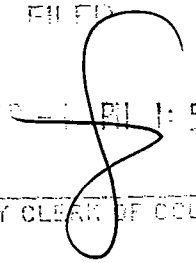


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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LARRY LEE HILLBLOM,	}	Civil Action No. 95-626
	}	ERRATA
Deceased.	}	

On February 29, 1996, the Court issued an Order in this matter suspending the Executor. Page 2, line 12 of the Order reads "...Mr. Hillblom's estate and would be filing an general appearance in this matter." The Order is corrected to read "...Mr. Hillblom's estate and would be filing a general appearance in this matter." In addition, page 3, line 20 reads "6. The Administration of the Estate Conference, currently scheduled for March 1, 1995, is also..." The Order is corrected to read "6. The Administration of the Estate Conference, currently scheduled for March 1, 1996, is also...."

SO ORDERED this 1st day of March 1996.


ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO, Presiding Judge

1 In addition, the Report finds facts which indicate that the Executor may have engaged in self-dealing,
2 conflicts of interest and may have committed fraud upon the Court. *Id.* at 189-92.

3 By Order dated February 28, 1996, the Court set an expedited schedule pursuant to which it
4 planned to hear objections and concurrences to the Special Master's findings and issue a final
5 determination on the Report. The Court today received a fax letter, dated February 28, 1996, from
6 Yeoryios C. Apallas, Deputy Attorney General for the Attorney General of the State of California,
7 requesting a forty-five (45) day extension of the briefing deadlines and hearing set by the Court. The
8 Court notes that on February 16, 1996, at the hearing on the Executor's Motion for Stay pending
9 outcome of its appeal of this Court's January 24, 1996 Order, the Executor presented the Court with an
10 unsigned letter, dated February 15, 1996, from Mr. Apallas. That letter indicated that the Attorney
11 General of the State of California, pursuant to his common law and statutory authority, is interested in
12 Mr. Hillblom's estate and would be filing a general appearance in this matter. No such appearance has
13 been filed to date. Nonetheless, in the interest of fairness, and to allow the State of California ample
14 opportunity to familiarize itself with the estate proceedings, the Court now modifies its February 28,
15 1996 Order and **ORDERS** as follows:

- 16 1. A hearing on the Report of the Special Master will be held on April 1, 1996 at 1:30 p.m.;
- 17 2. All objections or concurrences of interested parties must be filed and served by March 15,
18 1996; and
- 19 3. Any reply memorandum of any interested party must be filed and served by March 26, 1996.

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21 The State of California's request for additional time delays the Court's review of the Special
22 Master Report. Meanwhile, the Court is mindful that it must accept the Special Master's findings of fact
23 unless it determines that they are clearly erroneous. *Anderson v. Mt. Clemens Pottery Co.*, 66 S.Ct. 1187
24 (1946); *In re Crystal Palace Gambling Hall, Inc.*, 817 F.2d. 1361 (9th Cir. 1987). The Court may
25 suspend an Executor's powers pending the outcome of an investigation when there is reason to believe,
26 from credible information, that an executor has wrongfully neglected the estate. *In re Richardson's*
27 *Estate*, 168 P.2d 775 (Cal. Dist. Ct. App. 1946); *See also*, 2 BANC. PROB. PRAC. 2d § 304 (1956).

1 Given the gravity and complexity of the issues raised in the Report of the Special Master, and the fact
2 that the Court must wait to determine their validity, protection of the assets of the estate and the
3 impartial administration of the estate are of paramount importance. Pursuant to 8 CMC § 2202(b) and
4 its inherent authority, the Court finds it necessary and proper to act in the best interest of the estate
5 between now and the time it issues a final determination as to the Report.

6 Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

7 1. The Executor, Bank of Saipan, is suspended from taking any further actions on behalf of the
8 estate;

9 2. This suspension is effective as of the date of this Order and will continue until the Court
10 issues its final written determination concerning the Report of the Special Master;

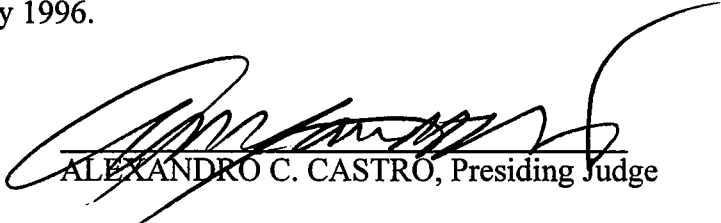
11 3. Executor's Request for Authorization to retain Counsel to Defend Case No. C-96-0582CAL
12 in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California is **DENIED**;

13 4. On February 26, 1996, the Executor advised the Court of the pendency of Case No. SP.
14 PROC. 96-7616 filed in the Republic of the Philippines captioned *In The Matter of the Estate of Larry*
15 *Hillblom, Milagros Feliciano, Petitioner*. A copy of a Petition, filed on January 19, 1996 in the matter,
16 was attached as an exhibit to the Executor's "Disclosure of the Pending Suit." The Court takes notice
17 of this pending matter;

18 5. The Court will appoint an interim Special Administrator to address immediate actions
19 which must be taken to protect the assets of the estate;

20 6. The Administration of the Estate Conference, currently scheduled for March 1, 1995, is also
21 suspended pending further Order by this Court.

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23 SO ORDERED this 29 day of February 1996.

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26 ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO, Presiding Judge