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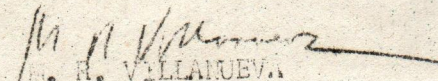
R E: Overpricing Issue on Some Equipment

A certain group has circulated the letter of the ViSCA resident Auditor asking the administration to explain the differences in price of some equipment purchased by ViSCA in 1988. The same group has made malicious insinuations and judgment to malign the administration even before the questions raised by the Auditor are clarified.

For the information of the public, the letter of the Auditor was immediately brought to the attention of the concerned requisitioners to justify the choice made by them in purchasing those equipment. Initial examination of the procurement documents revealed that for each item requested, the suppliers quoted on two or more models. As the usual practice, the abstract of quotations were referred to the requisitioners who were asked to make the final decision as to which model of equipment to purchase. It is therefore not unusual that the item purchased is not necessarily the cheapest available but may depend on the model features, service warranty, etc. desired and justified by the end-users.

In the same manner, the prices supplied by COA may not necessarily be for the same models of equipment actually purchased. It is therefore too premature to make judgment on the basis of the letter from COA. The public should not just believe the insinuation of this group without knowing the facts. Meanwhile, a Task Force is looking further into the matter. Further developments shall be communicated.

Thank you.

  
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