

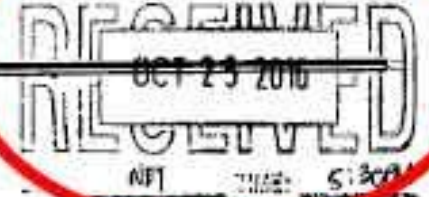


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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOSE M. TOLENTINO, JR.**

**Office of the Executive Director**

**COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS**

Palacio Del Gobernador

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**Dear Executive Director Tolentino:**

This is in reply to your letter dated 21 October 2016, a copy of which is attached for your perusal.

Please be informed that during the 19 October 2016 briefing at the COMELEC's Training Room in Sta. Rosa City, Laguna, protestant Marcos' representatives did **not** agree to any "stripping" activity. To clarify, what was discussed in the said briefing was only the plan of COMELEC to release the one thousand three hundred fifty-six (1,356) units of contingency vote counting machines ("VCMs") to Smartmatic-TIM. Further, during said briefing, protestant Marcos' counsel, Atty. Jose Amor Amorado, specifically **opposed** the release of the subject VCMs to Smartmatic-TIM for two (2) principal reasons, to wit:

- 1) the 1,356 VCMs are covered by the PPO that was issued by the **PET** on 12 July 2016; and,
- 2) the **PET** had **not** approved the release of the subject VCMs.

In fact last Friday, per our *Letter* to you on even date, protestant Marcos already filed an *Urgent Manifestation and Motion* asking the **PET** to:

- 1) Prohibit the COMELEC from releasing the subject VCMs on 26 October 2016;