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COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila

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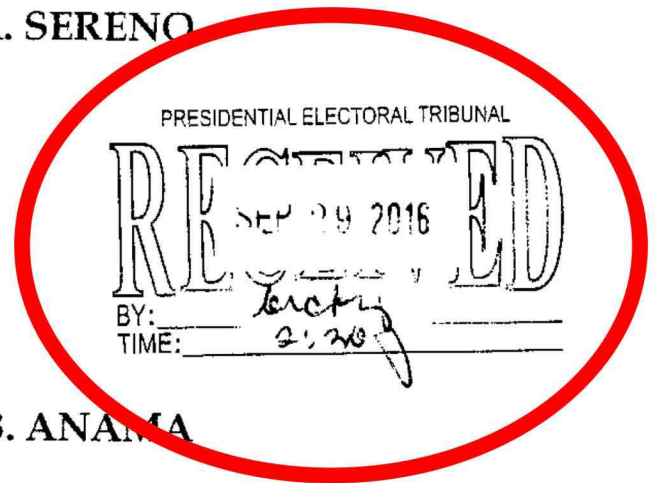
Chief Justice

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Presidential Electoral Tribunal

Manila



Attention: **HONORABLE FELIPA B. ANAMA**
Clerk of the Tribunal

Madam:

Please be advised that the Commission has approved the request of Smartmatic-TIM 2016, Inc. (SMTT) for the release of one thousand three hundred fifty-six (1,356) units of vote counting machines (VCMs) which were delivered to the Commission on Elections for contingency purposes during the last 09 May 2016 National, Local and ARMM Elections. It bears to emphasize that since these units were not actually deployed and/or used during said elections, the Commission considers the same as **NOT** within the scope of the *Precautionary Protection Order* issued by the Honorable Tribunal. Accordingly, the Commission intends to begin releasing the said VCMs on 26 October 2016.

In this regard, the Commission shall allow the parties and their representatives to observe the preparations for the release of these units, and hold a briefing at the Training Room, 2nd floor, Building 2, JAM Liner Warehouse, Barangay Pulong, Sta. Cruz, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna,

on 19 October 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, to discuss the protocol to be observed during said release.

With my warm regards.



CHRISTIAN ROBERT S. LIM

Commissioner

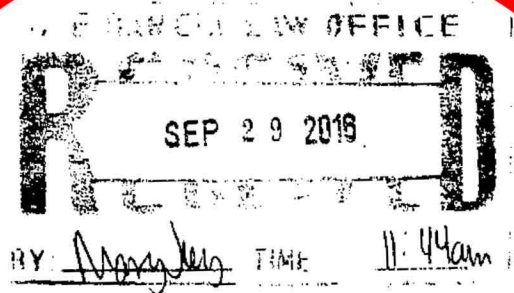
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