



Republic of the Philippines
Sandiganbayan
Quezon City

SEVENTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the proceedings held on August 23, 2017

Present:

MA. THERESA DOLORES C. GOMEZ-ESTOESTA ----- *Chairperson*
ZALDY V. TRESPESES ----- *Associate Justice*
BAYANI H. JACINTO ----- *Associate Justice*

The following resolution was adopted:

SB-16-CRM-0076 – People v. Caridad B. Balaod, et al.

Acting on the Prosecution's "FORMAL OFFER OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE" dated July 7, 2017,¹ as well as accused Bation, Remoto, Suco, Ebrado, and Doong's "COMMENT/OPPOSITION (TO THE PROSECUTION'S FORMAL OFFER OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE)" dated August 4, 2017,² the Court resolves to:

ADMIT Exhibits "E", "F", and "G", having been admitted by the accused;

ADMIT Exhibits "B", "C", "D", "H", and "I", over the accused's comment that they merely admit the existence of these documents, in view of their **unqualified admission** of these documents during pre-trial, as borne by the Joint Stipulation of Fact and Issue dated October 3, 2016³ and Pre-Trial Order dated October 5, 2016.⁴ Once the stipulations are reduced into writing and signed by the parties and their counsels, they become binding on the parties who made them,⁵ and

* Per A.O. No. 284-2017 dated August 18, 2017

¹ *Records*, Vol. 1, pp. 337-370

² *Records*, Vol. 2, pp. 29-30. Despite having been given ten days from receipt of the Formal Offer of Evidence to file her Comment, accused Balaod has not filed one to date.

³ *Records*, Vol. 1, pp. 236-244

⁴ *Id.*, pp. 245-251

⁵ *Bayas, et al. v. People, et al.*, G.R. Nos. 143689-91, November 12, 2002

J. J. M.

ADMIT Exhibit "A" as part of the stipulated testimony⁶ of Teofilo Q. Macatiog, Jr. only, over the objection of the accused on the ground that it was not identified by the person who executed it.


This Court NOTES that the Prosecution has no Exhibit "J".

This Court further NOTES that while the Prosecution mentioned Exhibit "K" in its Formal Offer of Evidence, manifesting that the marking thereon was made on accused's Exhibit "22", *i.e.*, common exhibit, the same has not been submitted to the Court; hence, this Court cannot make a ruling thereon.

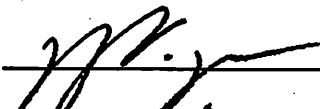
The parties are reminded of the tentative settings for the presentation of defense evidence on August 29 and 30, 2017, both at 8:30 in the morning.

SO ORDERED.


GOMEZ-ESTOESTA, J., *Chairperson*



TRESPESES, J.



JACINTO, J.



⁶ See Order dated June 28, 2017, *Records*, Vol. 1, pp. 333-334