



Republic of the Philippines
Sandiganbayan
 Quezon City

SEVENTH DIVISION

MINUTES of the proceedings held on November 19, 2018.

Present:

<i>MA. THERESA DOLORES C. GOMEZ-ESTOESTA</i> -----	<i>Chairperson</i>
<i>ZALDY V. TRESPESSES</i> -----	<i>Associate Justice</i>
<i>BAYANI H. JACINTO*</i> -----	<i>Associate Justice</i>

The following resolution was adopted:

SB-08-CRM-0275 – People v. Robert G. Lala, et al.

In its Resolution dated June 13, 2018, the Court allowed accused Isabelo Braza to travel to the United States of America subject to certain conditions one of which was for him to appear before the Division Clerk of Court within five days after his return to the Philippines.¹ Subsequently, in its Resolution dated July 25, 2018,² the Court noted that accused Braza violated this particular condition and warned him that such infraction will be considered by the Court in any future motions to travel that he will file. Relatedly, upon review of the record of these cases, it appears that a similar violation was made by accused in a previous travel approved by the First Division of this Court.³

Before the Court now is an “URGENT MOTION *For Authority to Travel Abroad*” dated November 12, 2018 filed by accused seeking authority to travel, this time to Shanghai, China from November 27 to December 1, 2018 for business purposes and for a family vacation. During the hearing of the motion, accused was asked to justify his failure to abide with aforementioned condition of travel to which his counsel replied that it was due to jetlag. Finding such explanation flimsy at best and it appearing that the intended travel is not absolutely necessary, the present motion to travel is hereby **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED. *fp*

GOMEZ-ESTOESTA, J.

TRESPESSES, J.

JACINTO, J.

* In lieu of J. Hidalgo who is on wellness and vacation leave (A.O. No. 540-2018 dated November 9, 2018)
 1 Record, vol. 17, p. 245.
 2 Record, vol. 17, p. 297.
 3 See Minute Resolution dated October 14, 2013 (record, vol. 11, p. 282).