

**AFP'S STATEMENT RE APPEARANCE OF TWO OFFICERS  
AT SENATE**

BGen Francisco Gudani, the Asst Supt of PMA, and Ltc Balutan decided to appear before the Senate Committee on Defense and Security in spite of the fact that a guidance has been given that a Presidential approval should be sought prior to such an appearance. They are fully aware of this procedural guidance.

The directive is not meant to prevent military personnel from appearing in compliance to a Congressional invitation. It only provides a procedural process which is in keeping with the time honored principle of the **Chain of Command**.

BGen Gudani and Ltc Balutan are fully aware of the instruction; and yet they **disobeyed a legal order**, in violation of AW 65 (Willfully Disobeying Superior Officer), hence they will be subjected to General Court Martial proceedings and will suffer the consequences of their actions. The two officers are now relieved of their present assignments.

The AFP will continue to adhere strictly the standards of military discipline which demand compliance to legal order emanating from the **CHAIN OF COMMAND**. I ~~hope~~ *direct* on all AFP Commanders to abide by this directive.