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MEMORANDUM

TO : RAs/PSOs/OICs

FROM : 
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Administrator

SUBJECT : POPULATION REFERENCE NUMBER (PRN) IN RELATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 308 (NATIONAL COMPUTERIZED IDENTIFICATION REFERENCE SYSTEM)

Apparently, since the approval of Administrative Order No. 308 otherwise known as the National Computerized Identification Reference System the NSO has been one of the controversial government agencies appearing in the radio, television and print media. This is a natural reaction from the press but the NSO would like to set the record straight that there is no such thing as a national ID.

The AO 308 refers only to a reference system and the NSO is basically responsible for the generation of the Population Reference Number. It should be made clear to everyone that there will be no central database for said reference system. What we refer in the AO No.308 is the adoption of the nationwide reference number which is the Population Reference Number (PRN). However, the SSS, GSIS and other government agencies shall issue their own IDs to their respective clients. In other words, the system remains decentralized.

In relation to this all RAs/PSOs/OICs are hereby instructed that in cases of invitation from mediemen for interviews on said Administrative Order No. 308 the subject which is appropriate to discuss shall be limited to Population Reference Number. It should be reiterated that there is no such national ID in order to correct the wrong perception of the people.

For your strict compliance.