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Dear **Mr. Candinato**,

Greetings from the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP)!

Thank you for your request dated 5 January 2022 under Executive Order No. 2 (s. 2016) on Freedom of Information in the Executive Branch, requesting clarifications on the meanings behind the colors of the National Flag.

We wish to inform you that the colors of the Flag are defined differently throughout history, such as during the 12 June 1898 proclamation of independence, and Emilio Aguinaldo's speech during the 29 September 1898 ratification of said independence. It was during the latter event where Aguinaldo's interpretation of the blue color of the Flag may be summed up as dignity:

Ang culang na itim (sic, blue) ay nahahayag sa Sangsinucuban na cunung sino man ang nagnanasang umalipin nitong Sangcapuluan, ay mapupucsa muna at maubos ang mga filipinos bago nila ipalupig.

Thank you.

Truly yours,

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