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DIRECTING THE REASSESSMENT OF THE CAPITAL PROGRAM

TO: The Minister of Economic Planning
The Minister of Public Highways
The Minister of Public Works, Transportation and Communications
The Minister of Finance
The Minister of the Budget
The Minister of Energy
All Heads of Government Owned or Controlled Corporations

WHEREAS, it is expected that approved and anticipated increases in the price of imported oil will result in increasing the cost of the infrastructure program;

WHEREAS, the limited amount of resources require the reassessment of capital projects of government, with the aim of identifying those projects of highest priority that must continue despite anticipated cost increases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby Order and Instruct:

MPWTC/MPH

1. The NEDA Committee on Infrastructure shall review the capital projects of the Ministry of Public Highways, the Ministry of Public Works, Transportation and Communications, and of government corporations attached to these Ministries, for the purpose of identifying the projects most essential to the attainment of the objectives of the development plan, under present world conditions.
2. The Committee shall prepare project lists and implementation schedules and cost estimates under alternative assumptions of funds availability, from the assumption that existing ceiling on the infrastructure program is maintained and for a feasible range of increased government budgetary deficit.
3. In its work, the Committee shall ensure that top priority is given to projects that support the following priorities: (a) food production, particularly on legumes and protein sources such as fish, beef, pork, poultry, and chevon, and (b) electricity, water, transportation and other basic necessities,

Human Settlements

4. The Minister of Human Settlements shall review the housing program with the aim of proposing measures to relieve the finances of the national government by shifting to the private sector part of the funding and implementation of projects such as the Bagong Lipunan Sites and Services (BLISS) and other housing and land development projects.

Energy

5. The requirements of an accelerated energy exploration and development program shall be estimated by the Minister of Energy, with an indication of the