

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 884, June 27, 1979]

- TO:
- (1) The National Economic and Development Authority
 - (2) The Ministry of Local Government and Community Development
 - (3) The Ministry of the Budget
 - (4) The Ministry of Finance
 - (5) The Ministry of National Defense
 - (6) The Commission on Audit
 - (7) The National Tax Research Center (NEDA)
 - (8) The Presidential Commission on Reorganization

In order to expedite the organization of and making operational the Sangguniang Pampook and Lupong Taga-pagpaganap ng Pook established in Regions IX and XII pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. 20, instructions are given as follows:

1. The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall (a) conduct a study of and prepare recommendations for the improvement of the planning function such that the primary responsibility of NEDA for planning *vis-a-vis* the Autonomous Regions shall be with respect to determining the national and inter-regional implications of the regional development plan, while that of the Regional Development Council shall be with respect to formulating the regional development plan, including determining its intra-regional (within the region) implications; and also that the regional planning function will allow a substantial participation of the Autonomous Region in the regional planning process and ensure that development priorities perceived by the Sangguniang Pampook and the Lupong Tagapagpaganap ng Pook as well as local governments are considered in the formulation of the regional development plan; and (b) conduct a study of and prepare recommendations as to what functions and responsibilities of NEDA with respect to regional planning can be turned over or delegated to, or otherwise coursed through, the Autonomous.
2. The Ministry of Local Government and Community Development shall (a) provide, in coordination with other agencies concerned, assistance to the Sangguniang Pampook in the formulation of its rules of proceedings; and (b) conduct a study of and prepare recommendations as to what regulatory and supervisory powers and development functions of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, with respect to local governments, can be appropriately turned over or delegated to, or otherwise coursed through, the Autonomous Regions.
3. The Ministry of the Budget shall (a) assist the Lupong Tagapagpaganap ng Pook in the formulation of a budgeting system and a budget operations manual to be adopted by the Autonomous Region; (b) develop a system by which all assistance to local governments as well as fund releases for undertaking regional projects of national government offices in the Autonomous Regions, particularly those that are geared towards the development of the community, shall be coursed through the Lupong Tagapagpaganap ng Pook; and (c) conduct a study of and prepare recommendations as to what regulatory and supervisory powers of the Ministry of the Budget with respect to regional offices and local governments can be appropriately turned over or delegated