

# [ LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 966, December 12, 1979 ]

## CONCERNING RESTORATION PROJECTS IN INTRAMUROS

TO:     The Minister of Public Works  
          The Action Officer, Intramuros Administration  
          The Governor, Central Bank of the Philippines  
          The National Treasurer  
          The Chairman, National Historical Institute  
          The Director, Bureau of Building and Real Property Management

WHEREAS, the Ayuntamiento and Intendencia buildings are two of the most historical structures in Intramuros still in government hands;

WHEREAS, the restoration effort of public buildings in Intramuros needs to be fully coordinated and implemented observing the highest historical and architectural standards;

WHEREAS, the Intramuros Administration was created by P.D. No 1616 and assigned the responsibility of overseeing the development of Intramuros and the restoration of certain areas therein;

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

1. The Ayuntamiento and Intendencia buildings in Intramuros shall be restored, as such as possible to conform to their appearance during the Spanish Regime. The Intramuros Administration (hereinafter referred to as "Administration") shall be responsible for the overall guidance and direction of the restoration effort and as such shall approve the restoration Plan and architectural drawing and oversee the restoration work.
2. The construction of both buildings shall be undertaken by the intramuros Administration through competitive bidding among at least three refutable firms with proven experience in restoration work. The Ministry of Public Works shall provide assistance during the bidding and in construction supervision.
3. The surviving architectural/building components of the Intendencia and Ayuntamiento buildings, including grilles, balusters, ironwork, adobe stones, piedra china, and other reusable components shall be removed by the Intramuros Administration for safekeeping and for later reinstallation or use.
4. The architectural plans of the Intendencia building, directed to by prepared by the MPW under LOI No. 812, shall be subject to review and final approval of the Administration.
5. The Administration shall immediately research on surviving records/plans of the original Ayuntamiento and on the extant ruins and on this basis shall prepare architectural plans and drawings that shall constitute the plan of