

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTION NO. 550, June 06, 1977]

TO: The Secretary of Natural Resources
The Secretary of Local Government and Community
Development
The Commissioner of the Budget

Pursuant to Presidential Decrees Nos. 704 and 705, and to enforce, implement and execute effectively all fishery and forestry laws, rules and regulations, and considering the inadequate number of field personnel of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Bureau of Forest Development to enforce said laws, rules and regulations, the following instructions hereby issued.

1. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall coordinate with the Secretary of Local Governments and Community Development in the preparation of a program for the training of barangay officials to qualify them as deputy fish wardens and/or deputy forest officers.
2. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall cause the training of the barangay officials in order that they can perform effectively the functions of a deputy fish wardens and/or deputy forest officer, and shall thereafter deputize all barangay officials found competent to assist in the execution, implementation and enforcement of all fishery laws, rules and regulations.
3. The Commissioner of the Budget shall release the funds necessary for this purpose.

This Letter of Instructions shall take effect intermediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

(Sdg.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines



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