

# [ LETTER OF INSTRUCTION NO. 9, September 26, 1972 ]

TO: The Secretary-  
Department of National Defense  
Quezon City

The Secretary  
Department of Finance  
Manila

In view of the present national emergency which has been brought about by the activities of those who are actively engaged in a criminal conspiracy to seize political and state power in the Philippines and to take over the Government by force and violence the extent of which has now assumed the proportion of an actual war against our people and their legitimate Government, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated Sept. 21, 1972, and in my capacity as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines and in order to safeguard the morality of our society, particularly the youth, against the eroding influence of the operations of these devices, you are hereby ordered forthwith to take over or cause the taking over of the possession of all jackpot machines, commonly referred to as "one armed bandits" or similar contrivances wherever they may be found and to completely destroy or cause the destruction of the same.

You are also hereby ordered to devise measures to prevent the entry into the Philippines of any such devices or similar contrivances.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

**(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS**  
President  
Republic of the Philippines



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