

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1903, February 08, 1984]

FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1886, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, there is a need to enhance the powers and functions of the Fact-Finding Board investigating the killing of former Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr., in order to ensure an independent and exhaustive investigation of all the aspects of the Aquino killing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution do hereby decree:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1886, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows;

"SECTION 1. There is hereby created an ad hoc Fact-Finding Board which shall be independent from the three Departments of the Government, to determine all the facts and circumstances surrounding the killing of former Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. The Board shall be composed of a Chairman and at least four (4) but not exceeding six (6) members.

"The Chairman and the members of the Board shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines from among the recommendees of the various sectors of society, such as not limited to legal or bar associations, civic/service organizations, and the business, education, student, labor and other sectors.

"The positions of Chairman and member of the Board shall be honorary. The Chairman and members of the Board, while discharging their duties, functions and responsibilities, shall be deemed 'persons in authority' in accordance with Article 152 of the Revised Penal Code. They may continue to undertake and engage in their respective occupations and pursuits; PROVIDED, That it will not prejudice whatsoever the discharge of their duties, functions and responsibilities as set forth in this Decree, which shall at all times be paramount and accorded first priority. The Chairman and the members of the Board shall be entitled to transportation allowance of at least THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) and TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) respectively."

SEC. 2. Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1886 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. The Board shall have the power to review the evidence already submitted and determine which to accept and which to hear anew, to issue subpoena or subpoena duces tecum and other compulsory processes requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any evidence relative to any matter under investigation by the Board.