

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 36, November 02, 1972]

CANCELLING FRANCHISES, PERMITS AND AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED FOR THE OPERATION OF RADIO, TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES THAT HAVE REMAINED UNUSED BY THEIR HOLDERS AFTER A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME, THAT HAVE VIOLATED THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THEY WERE ISSUED; CREATING THE MASS MEDIA COUNCIL AND PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE OPENING AND OPERATION OF MASS MEDIA

WHEREAS, the mass media have been used in the conspiracy against the Government and have taken part in that conspiracy either by direct willful participation, or by indirectly giving aid and comfort to the forces of insurgency and subversion seeking to overthrow the Government by organized violence;

WHEREAS, some franchises, permits and authorizations granted for the operation of radio, television and telecommunication facilities have remained unused or unavailed of by their proper holders after a reasonable length of time from the time such franchises, permits and authorizations were issued; that some of them have been leased to parties not otherwise authorized to operate such facilities; and some of them, in the actual operation of these facilities, have violated or refused to comply with regulations of the Radio Control Board, or any other government authority having supervision over their operation;

WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the security of the State and promote the objectives and goals of sound government, it is necessary that judicious care be exercised in deciding what mass media facilities should be authorized to operate;

NOW, THEREFORE, 1, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972, do hereby decree and order:

1. The cancellation of all franchises, permits and authorizations of all mass media facilities that have consciously or unconsciously taken part in the conspiracy against the Government, given aid and comfort to the forces of insurgency and subversion and have either directly supported, or aided and abetted the subversion of our established traditions and value;
2. The cancellation of all franchises, permits and authorizations granted for the operation of radio, television and telecommunication facilities; (a) if such franchises, permits and authorizations have not been availed of or used by the party or parties in whose name they were issued; (b) if they have been given over for lease or use by parties not otherwise authorized to hold such franchises, permits or authorizations; or (c) if in their operation they have violated or failed to comply with the regulations of the Radio Control Board or any other government entity authorized to oversee the operation thereof.
3. The creation of a Mass Media Council, headed by the Secretary of Public Information as Chairman, with the Secretary of National Defense as co-chairman, and one representative from the mass media to be appointed by the