[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1-B, November 01, 1972]

AMENDING PART II ON DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF THE INTEGRATED REORGANIZATION PLAN, BY ALLOWING MORE THAN ONE UNDERSECRETARY OF A DEPARTMENT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, the Reorganization Plan adopted under Presidential Decree No. 1 provides that each Department shall be headed by a Secretary with one Undersecretary;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that, as a general rule, one Undersecretary for a Department is essential in providing for professionalism, unity, and continuity in the administration of the Department;

WHEREAS, the conditions and needs of a particular Department, especially at certain stages of its operation or development may require exception from the general rule of one Undersecretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, 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, as amended, in order to effect the desired changes and reforms in the social, economic and political structure of the country, do hereby order and decree that the general rule of one Undersecretary for a Department, as provided in Article II, Part II of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, shall be modified only under the following conditions:

> (a) When, at the time of reorganization, there are two or more incumbent Undersecretaries, and the Department Secretary certifies to the need of more than one Undersecretary; or

> (b) When, at the time of reorganization, the Secretary of a newly created Department certifies to the need of more than one Undersecretary.

In either of the above instances, provision for more than one Undersecretary of a Department shall be allowed only upon my approval.

Done in the City of Manila, this 1st day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

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

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By the President:

(Sgd.) ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
Secretary Executive