[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 444, December 13, 1979]

EXTENDING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS THE BENEFITS ENJOYED BY MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY IN THE MATTER OF THE RATIONALIZED RATE OF ALLOWANCES AND LIBERALIZED COMPUTATION OR RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND THE ACCUMULATED LEAVE CREDITS

WHEREAS, under Letter of Implementation No. 96 entitled, Rationalizing Allowances of Personnel in the Judiciary, specific rates have been fixed for the transportation and representation .allowances in the Judiciary;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1438, entitled Amending Republic Act 910 providing for the Retirement of Justices and all Judges in the Judiciary as amended, it is provided:

> "Upon retirement, a Justice of the Court of First Instance, Circuit Criminal Court, Agrarian Relations, Tax Appeals, Juvenile and Domestic Relations, City or Municipal Court, or any other court hereafter established shall be automatically entitled to a lump sum of five years' gratuity computed on the basis of the highest monthly salary plus the highest monthly aggregate of transportation, living and representation allowances he was receiving on the date of his retirement;"

WHEREAS, Rule XVI of the Civil Service Commission, implementing the provisions of law, provides that the accumulate leave of Justices is "unlimited", thus:

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> "(b) The right of the Justices to leave of absence may be availed of by them subject only to approval in such manner as the court may direct: Provided, That all such leaves of absence shall be so arranged as not to deprive the court of quorum during its regular sessions. The accumulation of this leave. is unlimited."

WHEREAS, it is just and appropriate that the Constitutional Commissions should also enjoy the benefits aforementioned;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law, do hereby Order and Direct:

1. The transportation and representation allowances of the Chairman and Commissioner of a Constitutional Commission shall be as follows:
Transportation

Transportation Representation Total