

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 386, December 19, 1989]

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION SYSTEM (NCIS), PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER SIMILAR PURPOSES

WHEREAS, proper law enforcement, improved public safety and effective administration of justice require comprehensive, adequate and timely information on crimes, criminals and the operations of the Criminal Justice System;

WHEREAS, advances in computer and related communications technology now make it both practical and feasible to obtain, store, manage and disseminate such data more completely, relevantly, and effectively;

WHEREAS, the installation of a National Crime Information System (NCIS) will help in the identification and apprehension of criminals, improve the efficiency of criminal justice agencies, and ultimately help reduce crimes through better planning and use of manpower, equipment and government resources;

WHEREAS, statistics which can be derived as a by-product from the information handled by such a system can be utilized in determining the nature, causes and volume of crimes in the country; to form a basis for the study of the crime, police methods, court procedures, and penal problems; and to plan intelligently and to evaluate effectively the programs for combating crime and lawlessness;

WHEREAS, at present, different government agencies disseminate crime information and issue clearances creating confusion and undue difficulties, and which situation could be remedied by the establishment of a centralized coordinated network of crime information systems;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 67, dated May 28, 1967, as amended, has mandated the establishment of a uniform crime reporting system and closer coordination among agencies involved in peace and order and public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order;

SECTION 1. The promotion of the development of an integrated computer-based National Crime Information System (NCIS) involving the cooperation of the five pillars of the Criminal Justice System is hereby adopted as a policy.

SEC. 2. The NCIS shall have a central data base which shall contain all information on crimes, offenders, victims and other matters related to the administration of justice based on crime reports submitted by law enforcement agencies and the crime case update reports from the other pillars of the criminal justice system.

SEC. 3. The establishment of the NCIS shall embody two (2) phases: Phase I, which shall include all aspects of systems development such as data base development, program development, systems test, systems evaluation and systems maintenance and manpower training. This phase shall be completed within five (5) years.

Initially, the scope and focus of such crime information system shall be the establishment of an Offender-Based Crime Information System (OBCIS) which shall monitor incidents of arrests, dispositions, convictions, confinement and release of offenders. The Offices that shall be primarily involved under this phase are those that operate under the five pillars of the Criminal Justice System:

1. *The Law Enforcement*—Philippine Constabulary/Integrated National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, National Police Commission.
2. *The Prosecution*—National Prosecution Service, Tanodbayan and Judge Advocate General Service.
3. *The Courts*—Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Sandiganbayan, Regional Trial Courts, Metropolitan and Municipal Courts. For this purpose a Memorandum of Agreement shall be entered into with the Supreme Court.
4. *The Corrections*—Bureau of Corrections, Parole and Probation Administration, Office of Jail Management and Penology of the Integrated National Police, Provincial Jails and the Board of Pardons and Parole.
5. *The Community*—Department of Local Government, and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Phase II, which shall include activities concerning the development of crime information systems related to the other Offices not covered under Phase I. It shall include such activities as computer upgrading systems development and manpower training for technical personnel of other offices concerned as systems link-up or networking is resorted to ensure an effective and efficient data communication between and among participating agencies. Phase II shall be completed within the next five (5) years.

SEC. 4. The National Police Commission shall: (a) develop and promote an appropriate mechanism for integrating and coordinating the different sub-systems under each pillar of the criminal justice system; and (b) maintain a criminal justice statistics in pursuance of its principal functions of formulating a national crime prevention program and undertaking crime studies and/or researches on criminal justice and social defense and such other matters related thereto.

SEC. 5. The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) as mandated under Republic Act No. 157 shall act as a national clearing house of criminal and other information for the benefit and use of all prosecuting and law-enforcement entities of the Philippines and the identification records of all persons without criminal convictions and shall give technical aid to all prosecuting and law enforcement officers and entities of the Government as well as the courts that may request its services. Coordination by the National Police Commission with the NBI shall be through the