

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 873, February 16, 1983]

ABOLISHING THE DATA PROCESSING CENTER OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) needs an efficient computer system and communications network to effectively conduct its audit, collection, intelligence and monitoring operations;

WHEREAS, a thorough study and evaluation showed that the Data Processing Center (DPC) of the BIR is unable to perform fully its assigned functions due to inability to attract and retain competent and skilled personnel and because of the inadequacy of its existing computers and supportive facilities;

WHEREAS, the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Long Range Plan of the BIR approved by the President on 6 March 1981 can best be implemented and placed in actual operation by an entity that is managed and staffed by skilled and experienced professionals working under an independent corporate set-up;

WHEREAS, the long range plan can be successfully implemented only by an entity which is allowed greater flexibility in hiring and promoting personnel, in providing a competitive compensation plan and in acquiring and disposing of computer equipment and supplies;

WHEREAS, the BIR is now being assisted by a wholly owned government foundation in the design and development of new application systems;

WHEREAS, there is a duplication of efforts and resources between this government foundation and the BIR Data Processing Center;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416, as amended, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, as amended, do hereby order and obtain the following:

SECTION 1. The Data Processing Center of the BIR, together with the Regional Data Centers, are hereby abolished and their activities shall be contracted to free of tax and performed by the Revenue Information Systems Services, Inc. (RISSI), a wholly government-owned foundation: Provided, that priority in rehiring shall be given to BIR Data Processing Center personnel who may qualify for positions under RISSI-prescribed qualification and merit system: Provided, further, that all BIR personnel who are laid off under the provisions of this Executive Order, or who may voluntarily