

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 852, December 03, 1982]

PROVIDING FOR MORE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, under the New Republic, national development shall be pursued with renewed dedication and greater determination;

WHEREAS, the maintenance of peaceful and orderly condition, especially in the countryside, is an essential requisite for the effective execution of development programs;

WHEREAS, the vigorous implementation of area development programs and projects, particularly those directed towards the delivery of basic services, the administration of justice, and the provision of gainful livelihood opportunities leading to greater economic benefits, will help bring about more stable security conditions in such areas;

WHEREAS, security operations in any area are invariably more effective when they are provided full, timely, and coordinated support by the various agencies of the civil government through appropriate developmental activities;

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to effect greater coordination in the activities of the various agencies of the government, particularly with respect to geographical and functional harmonization of development and security operations; and

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 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 ordain:

SECTION 1. Coordination at the National Level. The National Security Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall, in addition to its present powers and functions, be responsible for effecting greater coordination of development and security efforts at all levels of government, especially at the national, regional, and provincial levels, to achieve a more meaningful interaction between the civil and the military services in both the planning and implementation aspects of development for specific areas, particularly those of higher security priority.

The term "development and security" when used in this Executive Order shall refer to the peace and order aspects of the formulation and implementation of development programs and projects, especially those of an area-specific nature. It