

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 588, March 29, 1980]

**EXEMPTING THE PRESIDENT'S CENTER FOR SPECIAL STUDIES
FROM THE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 530 RELATIVE TO POSITION
CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY RATES AND THE RULES AND
REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the President's Center for Special Studies (PCSS) has been mandated under Executive Order No. 543 to "conduct policy research and development studies for the Office of the President" and "perform surveys and undertake programs of research and investigation on such topics as may be assigned to it by the President, or on its own initiative."

WHEREAS, for the PCSS to carry out its objectives, there is imperative need, consistent with Letter of Instructions No. 908, to exempt the President's Center for Special Studies from the requirements and restrictions of the Civil Service Law, laws, rules and regulations and position classification and salary standardization and Section Two Hundred Fifty-Nine of the Revised Administrative Code as the defunct Philippine Center for Advanced Studies (PCAS) was so exempted under P.D. 312 and from which the President's Center for Special Studies has been created out of its research and policy studies group.

WHEREAS, the President is empowered by Presidential Decree No. 1416 to conduct the continuing reorganization of government.

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

SECTION 1. – The President's Center for Special Studies is hereby exempted from the requirements and restrictions of the Civil Service Law, laws and rules and regulations on position classification and salary standardization and Section Two Hundred Fifty-Nine of the Revised Administrative Code and the Center may continue to use the former PCAS (Philippine Center for Advanced Studies) salary scale.

SECTION 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty.

(SGD.) **FERDINAND E. MARCOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(SGD.) **JOAQUIN T. VENUS, JR.**
Presidential Staff Director