

[**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 293, January 15, 1996**]

STREAMLINING THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL OPERATIONS OF THE AGENCIES ATTACHED TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

WHEREAS, two important Cabinet workshops have been held to assess Government performance as well as the organizational strengths and weaknesses of each department in relation to present challenges and opportunities;

WHEREAS, a consensus was reached during these workshops that the accomplishments and performance of the President and the Government are not being proactively and adequately communicated to the people, thereby creating a gap between public perception and reality in the field;

WHEREAS, the task of informing and communicating is a responsibility of all departments, particularly in their respective jurisdictions, with the Office of the Press Secretary (OPS) acting as the lead agency in communicating the accomplishments, reports and activities of the Presidency and the Executive Branch;

WHEREAS, one of the actions as a result of the workshops is the promulgation of Memorandum Order No. 327 constituting Task Forces on Communicating National Reforms and Development;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Order No. 327 tasks the Press Secretary, among many others, to provide administrative and technical secretariat support as well as necessary media coordination for the above Task Forces;

WHEREAS, there is a need to streamline the present organizational and functional operations of all agencies attached to the Office of the Press Secretary to enable it to perform these crucial tasks more effectively and efficiently;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Coverage. The attached agencies covered by this Executive Order are as follows:

- a. Bureau of Broadcast Services
- b. News and Information Bureau, including the Philippine News Agency
- c. Bureau of Communication Services
- d. National Printing Office
- e. Philippine Information Agency
- f. RPN-9
- g. IBC-13
- h. PTNI or PTV-4