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IMPLEMENTING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION (BII) UNDER THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1458, dated June 11, 1978, and letter dated August 18, 1978 of the President/Prime Minister creating the Bureau of Intelligence and Investigation (BII), the following directives are hereby issued for immediate implementation by the new Bureau:

1. The Anti-Smuggling Action Center (ASAC) and its Regional Offices (RASAC/DASAC) are hereby abolished effective this date;
2. All appropriations, records, equipment, properties of the abolished office shall be transferred to the appropriate divisions or units of the Bureau of Intelligence and Investigation (BII);
3. The Intelligence and investigation Division in the Ministry of Finance shall be absorbed by the Bureau Sections, units or personnel engaged in intelligence and investigation work in the bureaus and offices under the Ministry of Finance shall be placed under the operational supervision and direction of the Bureau;
4. The Commissioner of the BII with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, is hereby instructed to organize and appoint his staff and personnel of the Bureau and its regional offices and border crossing stations, in accordance with the provision of Sec 3, Presidential Decree No. 1458 and Sec, 1, Art. 1, Chapter 1, Part XIX of the Integrated Reorganization Plan. In staffing the Bureau, the Commissioner has the power to define the status, movement and progress of personnel. All positions in the BII are highly confidential in nature and incumbents thereof may be removed for loss of confidence by appropriate authority;
5. The Commissioner of the Bureau of Intelligence and Investigation is directed to organize the Finance Intelligence and Investigation Coordinating Committee (FIICC) to be composed of the heads of the different bureaus and offices under the Ministry of Finance, or their officially designated representatives, with the Commissioner of the BII as its permanent Chairman. The Committee shall be responsible for coordinating intelligence and investigation functions under the Ministry Finance;
6. In aid of its investigation and prosecution functions, the BII shall have the authority to issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum requiring the appearance of witnesses and production of books and papers pertinent to investigation and inquiries thereby authorized, and to examine them and such other documents it shall need in relation to any matter it is required to investigate. Attorneys and investigators of the Bureau may administer oaths and take testimony in any investigation or inquiry. In the transaction of official business, other officers of the Bureau may administer such oath as may be