

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS No. 1444, January 10, 1985]

CENTRALIZATION OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS RECORD

TO: The Minister of Transportation & Communications
 The Minister of Justice
 The Minister of National Defense
 The Governor of Metropolitan Manila
 The Chief of the Philippine Constabulary and Director
 General of the Integrated National Police
 The Director of the Bureau of Land Transportation
 The Commissioner of the National Pollution Control
 Commission
 The Chairman of the Board of Transportation
 The Court Administrator, Supreme Court

WHEREAS, Batas Pambansa Bilang 398, amending Republic Act No. 4136 has without prejudice to the authority of the Courts in appropriate cases, given the Bureau of Land Transportation, the exclusive power and authority to suspend or revoke, for cause, any driver's license issued under the provisions of said Act;

WHEREAS, there is a need to integrate and centralize all records of violations and disposition of traffic cases for the efficient collation and retrieval of information that may be required by any government agency or the public;

WHEREAS, it is imperatively necessary to have an efficient and accurate system of recording the adjudication of cases, involving land transportation and traffic violations, to ensure the effective removal of incompetent and unqualified drivers and to eradicate the use of spurious land transportation documents;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Transportation presently owns and has, in its possession, an on-line computer system, capable of recording all transactions regarding driver licenses, the registration of motor vehicles and all apprehension cases of drivers and vehicles, among others;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. All law enforcement and peace officers and other agents duly designated by the Director of the Bureau of Land Transportation shall, within seventy-two (72) hours from the time of the apprehension, submit to the nearest Bureau of Land Transportation officer all cases of apprehension for violations of the traffic code and the existing laws and rules on land transportation.
2. In cases where the apprehension of the violator is uncontested, the Director of Land Transportation or his duly authorized representative, may, by way of administrative penalty, impose the charges prescribed under Section 56 of Republic Act 4136, as amended by Batas Pambansa 398.