

**[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1146, May 25,
1981]**

**TRANSFERRING DIRECT CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE
PHILIPPINE FISH MARKETING AUTHORITY FROM THE MINISTRY
OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY,
RECONSTITUTING THE MEMBERSHIP OF ITS BOARD, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.**

TO: The Minister of Human Settlements
 The Administrator, National Food Authority
 The Minister of Economic Planning
 The Minister of Natural Resources
 The Minister of Industry
 The Minister of Trade
 The Minister of Public Works
 The Governor, Central Bank
 The Chairman, Development Bank of the Philippines
 The President, Land Bank of the Philippines
 The President, Philippine National Bank
 All Concerned

WHEREAS, food is a basic need of man and the government is committed to ensure continuous and adequate supply at reasonable prices to the Filipino people;

WHEREAS, Fish being a staple food and a major source of protein of the Filipino people, Presidential Decree No. 977 created the Philippine Fish Marketing Authority to promote the Development of the Fishing Industry and to improve efficiency in the handling, preserving, marketing and distribution of fish and fishery/aquatic products through the establishment and operation of fish markets and the efficient operation of fishing ports, harbors and other marketing facilities;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1770, the National Grains Authority was reconstituted as the National Food Authority, broadening and expanding its functions and powers to encompass all other basic food commodities including fish aside from grains and cereals;

WHEREAS, the National Food Activity and the Food Terminal, incorporated have instituted a vigorous and effective procurement and distribution system of basic food commodities including fish through their joint Kadiwa Program;

WHEREAS, in order to enhance the promotion and development of the Fishing Industry, it is imperative to establish a closer linkage between Philippine Fish Marketing Authority and National Food Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, and in order to attain the aforementioned objectives, do hereby order and direct that:

1. Direct control and supervision of the Philippine Fish Marketing Authority be transferred from the Ministry of Natural Resources to the National Food