

**[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1061, September
02, 1980]**

**DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FISHPOND DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS FOR DISLOCATED FAMILIES AND REBEL-RETURNEES
IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES**

TO: The Minister, Ministry of the Budget

The Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources/Director,
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

The Officer-in-Charge, Southern Philippines
Development Authority

The Chairman, Development Bank of the
Philippines

The Acting President, Mindanao State University

All Heads of Ministries, Bureaus, or Agencies;
Government Owned or Controlled Corporations;
and Local Government Units.

WHEREAS, it is the Government's policy to hasten the economic development of depressed areas in Southern Philippines and generate new sources of livelihood, particularly for dislocated families and rebel-returnees/former dissidents now working; with the Government;

WHEREAS, it is the Government's desire to involve the foregoing segments of society in economic activities designed to promote their own well-being and self-sufficiency and thereby expedite their integration into the national body politic;

WHEREAS, the Southern Philippines Development Authority (SPDA), has been tasked as the specific government agency, under Presidential Decree No. 1703, to institute and implement-economic development projects in Southern Philippines;

WHEREAS, the SPDA has identified, among others, viable economic projects that will utilize and harness the fisheries resources in Southern Philippines and enhance national efforts in food production while tapping sources of foreign exchange;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ferdinand E. Marcos, President of the Philippines, do hereby order and instruct the following:

1. In coordination with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and other government agencies, the SPDA as lead agency, shall undertake the planning, development and management of the following income-producing, self-sustaining fisheries projects in Southern Philippines:

- a. Bagong Lipunan Fishpond Estate I (Vitali, Zamboanga City), which will convert 1200 hectares of public land into family-size fishponds to be distributed to dislocated families and rebel-returnees in Region IX, for the