[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 821, February 28, 1979]

AMENDING LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 779 TO ALLOW THE PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS OF THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO RECEIVE ALLOWANCES FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

TO: All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors

The Acting Chairman, Commission on Audit

WHEREAS, Letter of Instructions No. 779 provide, among others, that "(N)o official or employee of the national government, including contractual and casual personnel, may receive additional compensation, including commutable or reimbursable allowances, from any province, city, municipality or barangay", and that (N) either may any local government unit authorize the payment of additional compensation and allowances to officials and employees in the Legislative, Executive or Judicial Branches of the Government";

WHEREAS, while the functions of the Provincial, City and Municipal Development Officers of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development were originally limited to projects and activities relating to community development, said functions gradually expanded to include those relating to local governments, particularly with respect to providing assistance and guidance to its programs, projects and activities as well as in the review and approval of local development plans;

WHEREAS, it is but reasonable and just for the Provincial, City and Municipal Development Officers of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development to be granted, whenever practicable, additional compensation in the form of allowances for the numerous services they extend to local government units;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND I. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order and instruct that the provisions of Letter of Instructions No. 779 to the contrary notwithstanding, the provincial, city and municipal development officers of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development may be allowed to receive allowances from provinces, cities and municipalities, subject to the approval of the local governments therein.

Done this 28th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

President of the Philippines