

**[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 816, February
20, 1979]**

TO: The Minister of National Defense

 The Minister of Local Government and
 Community Development

 The Chief of Staff
 Armed Forces of the Philippines

 The Chief of Constabulary
 Director-General, HIP

 The Chairman
 Task Force Anti-Gambling

SUBJECT: TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN PROHIBITED GAMES UNDER PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 1602.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Presidential Decree No. 1602 to discourage and prohibit gambling not regulated or sanctioned under existing laws;

WHEREAS, there is need to exclude therefrom certain games like domino, bingo, poker when not played with five cards stud, cuajo, pangguingue and mahjong when exclusively intended for parlor games or for home entertainment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order that the games of domino, bingo, poker when not played with five cards stud, cuajo, pangguingue and mahjong, provided that they are played as parlor games or for home entertainment; and provided further, that they are not played in places habitually used for gambling and the betting is not disguised to defeat the intent of Presidential Decree No. 1602, are hereby exempted.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

**(Sgd.) FERDINAND E.
MARCOS**
President
Republic of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) JACOBO C. CLAVE
Presidential Executive Assistant
