

# [ LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 905, March 28, 1979 ]

TO: The Minister of the Budget  
The Minister of Human Settlements  
Chancellor, U.P. Los Baños

SUBJECT: Directing the speedy implementation of  
Presidential Decree 457, Presidential Decree  
729 and Presidential Decree 1046-A

Whereas, on May 15, 1975, Presidential Decree 457 was issued authorizing U.P. Los Baños to acquire by negotiated sale or by expropriation, certain private properties for the expansion of the University's and International Rice Research Institute's agricultural research programs, especially for rice and multiple cropping;

Whereas, on June 55 1975, Presidential Decree 729 was issued establishing the Institute of Plan Breeding at UPLB with the specific purpose of accelerating the development of high yielding and resistant varieties of crops in support of the country's modernizing and diversifying agriculture;

Whereas, on November 12, 1976, Presidential Decree 104-6-A was issued amending Presidential Decree 729 by providing for the establishment of the Rational Plant Genetic Resources Laboratory in IPB; increasing the experimental land to be acquired by the IPB for plant breeding research and providing the mode and financing of its acquisitions;

Whereas, it has come to my attention that the majority of the dispossessed tenant-tillers and landowners who have given up their properties affected by the above decrees have not been properly compensated and relocated;

Whereas, our scientists at UPLB have in the course of their investigations established breakthroughs in methodologies which augur significant outputs particularly in the development of high-yielding and disease-resistant corn hybrids, soybeans, cassava and wheat varieties, but which developments require additional research inputs;

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

A. The Minister of the Budget

1. To release immediately the current allocation for capital outlay in CY 1979 of Five Million Five Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-Five Pesos (P5,506,555.00) (Appendix 1).
2. To release the following amounts from the Special Activities Fund under Letter I, Section XXXI of the 1979 General Appropriations Act (Batas Pambansa Bilang I):