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DEVELOPMENT, ORGANIZATION, TRAINING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTEER SERVICE CORPS FOR NATIONAL SERVICE (CIVIL AND MILITARY)

TO: The Minister of Human Settlements
 The Minister of National Defense
 The Minister of Education and Culture
 The President, University of the Philippines System

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Philippines emphasizes the development of good and responsible citizenship;

WHEREAS, the principle of the defense of the state makes it a prime duty of government and the people, in the fulfillment of which, all citizens may be required by law to render personal military or civil service;

WHEREAS, the present development programs under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry of National Defense pertaining to Citizen Military Training (CMT), otherwise known as the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) and Women's Auxiliary Training Corps (WATC) programs need to be refined to include their service in the civil dimension of our national defense concept;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to develop our civilian government employees also to the civil dimension of national defense and national service -

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order and instruct the Ministers of Human Settlements; National Defense; Education and Culture, and the President of the University of the Philippines System, to develop, organize, train and establish a Volunteer Corps for National Service., emphasizing the civil and military aspects of national security and nation building.

1. This Volunteer Corps for National Service will be known as the MAHARLIKA Service Corpus.
2. The following Ministries and National Agency will be mutually tasked with the development, organization, training and establishment of the MAHARLIRA Service Corps.
 - a. The Ministry of Human Settlements as the Ministry of primary responsibility
 - b. The Ministry of National Defense with respect to the Citizen Military Training aspects
 - c. The Ministry of Education and Culture with respect to the general education and training along civil aspects
 - d. The University of the Philippines System for special or specialized education and training as are necessary in the motivation of the Service Corps to the concept of National Service
3. Appropriate policies and regulations of the Ministry of National Defense with respect to Citizen Military Training (CMT) will be applicable to the MAHARLIKA Service Corps, both for basic courses or equivalent to produce enlisted