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TO: National Science Development Board Technology Resource Center
Ministry of Budget
Development Bank of the Philippines
All Concerned

WHEREAS, the critical technological problem in the country today is effective transfer, delivery and exploitation of available local and foreign technologies for the purpose of upgrading the products and production processes of firms;

WHEREAS, under Presidential Memorandum dated 22 December 1978, the Technology Resource Center (TRC) has been mandated to develop and implement an Export Industry Modernization Project designed to modernize the production technologies of firms to make them competitive in the international market;

WHEREAS, applied research, which is the innovative improvement of existing and imported technologies, must be market oriented and directly related to the production processes at the firm level;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to strengthen and reinforce existing mechanisms involved in the transfer and delivery of available technologies to individual firms;

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

1. Technology Utilization Teams. — TRC is hereby directed to form Technology Utilization Service Teams ("TUST") in the fields of specialization of government entities responsible for the generation of Government Technologies referred in paragraph 4 below. TUSTs, which shall be composed of marketing, managerial and technical personnel from TRC and government entities engaged in research and development, shall provide direct linkage between research and development centers on the one hand and firms availing of Government Technologies on the other.

TUSTs shall also provide, through TRC, consultancy services to firms in order that government technical expertise may be availed of by private sector. TUST members shall be entitled to reasonable honoraria from TRC, provided that such honoraria shall be derived solely from consultancy service fees paid by client firms to TRC.

2. TRC Link-Up with Other Agencies — All government research and development, universities, colleges, technical schools and similar agencies are hereby directed to link-up with TRC as the information center for the utilization of Government Technologies. The TRC shall issue guidelines to be observed by such government agencies in the transmission of technical information to, and retrieval thereof from TRC. Technical information generated from such link-up shall be made available to private industry users such terms and conditions to be determined by TRC.