

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 651, January 05, 1978]

TO: The Secretary of Agriculture, concurrently Chairman of the Cabinet Coordinating Committee on Integrated Rural Development Projects, and the following member agencies of the CCC-IRDP:

Office of the President
Department of Public Works, Transportation
and Communication
Department of Agrarian Reform
Department of Local Governments and
Community Development
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Finance
Department of Public Highways
National Economic and Development Authority

The Governor of the Central Bank of the Philippines, and the following supporting institutions of the Development Academy of the Philippines, including the President of the DAP:

Department of National Defense
Development Bank of the Philippines
Land Bank of the Philippines
Civil Service Commission
Government Service Insurance System
Social Security System

The Budget Commissioner

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the government to carry out a "concerted attack on the problems of mass poverty, unemployment, and underemployment and social justice";

WHEREAS in order to provide the proper perspectives to such problems, there is a need for greater emphasis on country-side development;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent and compelling need to develop among government planners and decision-makers, a common policy orientation that can serve as a guide for the formulation of Programs and projects geared towards the country-side;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby authorize the conduct of a National Conference on Countryside Development and I hereby direct the following to take the lead in convening a National Conference on Country-side Development during the second week of February (February 5 - 12, 1978) for the purpose of focusing government's attention on key concern areas from which the appropriate policy and program objectives for countryside development can be formulated:

1. The Secretary of Agriculture, concurrently Chairman of the Cabinet Coordinating Committee on Integrated Rural Development Projects, and the