

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 544, May 27, 1977]

RELATIVE TO THE ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

TO: All Heads and Regional Directors of Departments, Offices and Agencies of the National Government including State Colleges and Universities and Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations
All Provincial Governors, City Mayors, and Municipal Mayors
The Acting Commissioner of the Budget

WHEREAS, the limited amount of resources available to government must be used with maximum efficiency, effectiveness and economy;

WHEREAS, the analysis of government expenditures can be more thoroughly done with the evaluation of field reports on physical accomplishment;

WHEREAS, field reporting can be most effectively done by persons and organizations in the regions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby order and direct:

1. Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors and other Local District Officials shall independently monitor key national projects in their respective areas and shall report to the President on physical accomplishments in such form and content and following such mechanics as specified under these Instructions.
2. Priority shall be given in monitoring the implementation of the following national government projects: highways construction, repair and maintenance of national roads, barangay roads construction, distribution of drugs and medicines, reforestation, construction of schoolbuildings, hospitals, and other public buildings and irrigation systems.
3. The following highways projects shall be immediately monitored by the Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors concerned:
 - Sayre Highway
 - Iligan-Cagayan de Oro-Butuan City Road
 - Philippine-Japan Friendship Highway
 - Pilar-Bagac-Morong Road
 - Marikina-Infanta Road
 - Malaybalay-Kalinan Road
 - Davao-Cotabato Road
4. The Budget Commission shall identify other key national projects and shall transmit pertinent details to the local officials concerned for the latter to initiate monitoring activities. Projects shall include those being undertaken by or through national government agencies, including state colleges and universities and government-owned or controlled corporations. Monitoring reports shall be directly transmitted to the President through the Budget Commission and shall be in accordance with such format, content, and timing as may be duly specified.