

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1458, June 11, 1978]

CREATING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION BUREAU (FDIIB), PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATIONS, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PORTIONS OF THE INTEGRATED REORGANIZATION PLAN ON FINANCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY.

WHEREAS, it is a declared national objective to establish and maintain continuing, coordinated, and fully integrated social and economic plans and programs (Sec. 1, Art. XIV, Constitution) in order to set up a stable and enduring national economy to uplift the quality of life of the Filipinos;

WHEREAS, adoption and maintenance of sound and enduring social and economic plans and programs depend on, among others, efficient implementation and enforcement of revenue laws and in the gathering, collation and continuing evaluation of intelligence data and information relative to finance and economic functions;

WHEREAS, smuggling, tax evasion and other related illegal activities that undermine revenue and customs laws not only hamper effective economic planning and programming but also are forms of economic subversion which are inimical to national interest and security;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide Government authorities continuing intelligence on the nature, methods and extent of smuggling, tax evasion and other related nefarious practices that undermine the national economy, to serve as basis for counter-action and remedial legislations; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1, dated September 23, 1972, reorganizing the Executive Branch of the National Government, provides that changes and modifications in the Integrated Reorganization Plan, adopted and approved pursuant to same decree, shall be made from time to time, as necessity requires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree as part of the law of the land that Part IV of the Integrated Reorganization Plan be amended by adding the following provisions:

CHAPTER II—ORGANIZATION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE AND INVESTIGATION BUREAU

ARTICLE I—*Declaration of Policy.*—Section 1, Article I, Chapter I, Part XIX of the Integrated Reorganization Plan, as amended by P.D. 51, declares that the concept of national security shall be broadened to encompass national strength not only in the politico-military but also in the socio-economic sense, and it is likewise the policy of the State to promote and develop a stable and enduring economy and bring about optimum use of all appropriate agencies of the Government to stamp out and counteract smuggling, tax evasion and other finance schemes and activities that undermine the national interest and security.