

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 727, September 10, 1981]

WHEREAS, the existing multifarious threats to peace and order consisting of criminality, insurgency and subversion require the dedicated application of the united and integrated efforts of all officials and concerned citizens;

WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of local government officials, the law enforcement, agencies, the prosecution services, the courts, the correctional institutions and the concerned citizenry to assist the Chief Executive in the proper enforcement of the laws of the land and the administration of justice;

WHEREAS, those agencies most concerned with the criminal justice system are not yet fully coordinated in their relationships with each other in the prevention and suppression of criminality and the maintenance of public order and safety in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the present Police Advisory Councils as created pursuant to Letter of Instructions No. 337, dated November 17, 1975 to be expanded and more effectively integrated into the criminal justice system so as to improve maintenance of peace and order through joint efforts and undertakings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the laws of the land, do order and direct the following:

1. The Minister of National Defense; Minister of Justice; Minister of Local Governments; Chairman, National Police Commission; Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; Chief of Constabulary/Director General, Integrated National Police; Director of the National Bureau of Investigation; Director of Prisons and three (3) representatives, who shall be appointed by the Chairman hereof, from the private sector, representing the academic, civic and religious organizations shall form a body to be known as the "Peace and Order Council".

2. The "Peace and Order Council" shall replace the existing Police Advisory created pursuant to Letter of Instructions No. 337, dated November 17, 1975 and shall serve as the focal point for the effective coordination of the activities and functions of the five pillars of the Criminal Justice System. It shall have the following functions:

a. To prepare and submit to the Office of the President, for approval and integration with the overall national development plans, a national plan which shall outline peace and order campaigns, policies, thrusts and strategies to include the effective functioning of the Criminal Justice System.

b. To coordinate and monitor peace and order plans, projects, and all related