

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 272, May 11, 1940]

**TRANSFERRING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY
OF PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR UNDER ACT NO. 3997 AND
COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 98, RESPECTIVELY, TO THE
SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE**

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 230, dated October 31, 1939, the Department of National Defense has been entrusted with the duty of supervising the National Defense program of the country and has executive supervision over the establishment and operation of all radio stations other than those maintained by the Bureau of Posts, including radio broadcasting stations;

WHEREAS, the successful accomplishment of the supervision of the National Defense program may be effected only if all matters concerning radio communication and services were consolidated under one control; and

WHEREAS, this consolidation would permit better coordination of activities and would do away with duplication of functions and responsibilities in the different branches of the Government, and thus promote efficiency and economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MANUEL L. QUEZON, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by law direct that the powers and duties vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Commonwealth Act Numbered Ninety-eight and in the Secretary of Public Works and Communications by Act Numbered Thirty-nine hundred and ninety-seven, be, as they are hereby, transferred to the Secretary of National Defense.

In order to carry out effectively the provisions and purposes of the above-mentioned Acts, the Secretary of National Defense is authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as he may deem advisable, necessary and expedient.

This Order shall take effect as of March first, 1940.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of May, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the fifth.

(Sgd.) MANUEL L. QUEZON
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) JORGE B. VARGAS
Secretary to the President
