

# [ LETTER OF IMPLEMENTATION NO. 146, February 27, 1984 ]

## **DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMY MEASURES IN GOVERNMENT AND GENERATION OF SAVINGS FOR CY 1984**

TO HEADS OF MINISTRIES, BUREAUS, OFFICES OR AGENCIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS  
THE CHAIRMAN, COMMISSION ON AUDIT

Whereas, the current economic difficulties require that government expenditures be controlled and therefor budgetary deficit reduced in order not to aggravate the balance of payments problems;

Whereas, revenues from regular sources, such as internal revenue taxes, international trade taxes and duties, and others are not expected to increase significantly;

Whereas, high priority progress such as energy food, livelihood, and self-reliance or Sariling Sikap require additional or new funding.

Whereas, increase costs of living, due to inflation make it imperative that adjustments in the pay scale of government employees be effected;

Now, Therefore, I, Ferdinand E. Marcos, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby Order and Instruct that the following economy measures in government be adopted and implemented.

### A. General Measures and Guidelines

The following general measures and guidelines are hereby directing for adoption and implementation.

1. As already recommended by the Cabinet and approved by the President (October 25, 1983), imposition of reserves of P5.5 Billion through cutbacks in current operating expenditures by 7.2 per cent, infrastructure capital outlays by 13 percent, Corporate Equity by 23 per cent and non-infrastructure capital outlays by 50 per cent.

2. Generation of P2.0 to P3.0 Million in additional funding sources through savings in current operation expenditures particularly maintenance an operating expenditures, and other non-essential expenditures to the extent of 10 per cent of the approved program net of reserves.

3. Review of priorities in programs and projects in order to arrive at decisions with respect to dropping, deferment, sealing-down, or extension of implementing schedules for low priority programs and rejects in order to conserve programmed funds.

4. Adoption of management improvement program including energy conservation in order to improve efficiency and productivity and reduce waste in government operations.

5. Adoption by each government office or agency of energy conservation program. The same shall be submitted to the Office of the President and results shall be reported to the President at the end of the year.

#### B. Specific Mandatory Measures

The following specific economy or savings generation measures are hereby directed for implementation:

1. On New Organizational Measures. Implementation of organizational measures providing for creation of new offices and new staffing complements shall be deferred.

2.a. On National Conventions and Meetings. National conventions, seminars, meetings sponsored by government offices, agencies or corporations requiring travel and board and lodging by government participants shall be deferred indefinitely.

2.b. Government funds may not be spent for attendance in conventions, seminars, workshops and other similar activities conducted by private groups. Attendance by government personnel may be authorized at no expense to the government except the salaries of government participants.

3. On Motor Vehicle Purchase. Purchase of motor vehicles shall be suspended for 1984 except when funded from sale of old vehicles or when specifically provided in international agreements such as in the case of foreign-assisted projects.

Where such purchase is authorized it shall be governed by LOI No. 667.

4. On Purchase of Equipment. Purchase of imported office and other equipment shall be suspended or when such purchase is declared essential, it must be in accordance with the provisions of LOI 1329. In any case, an approved equipment procurement program shall support any request for purchase of equipment if an exception is to be granted.

5.a. On Hiring of Personnel and Filling of Positions.

Hiring of new or additional casuals, contractuels and consultants shall be suspended unless the same, is specifically authorized by the President. Renewals of appointments of existing casuals, contractuels and consultants shall be subject to proof of essentiality, such as, among others, when called for international agreements or loan covenants or when hiring of regular employees are still suspended due to back of approved staffing pattern or plantilla position.

5.b. Unfilled positions for over two years shall be abolished and now unfilled position is for the year not filled after June 30, 1964 shall not be filled anymore for the rest of the year.

5.c. No substitutionary appointments shall be made to fill temporary vacancies that arise for periods of less than three (3) months.

6. On Public Office Buildings Construction of new government office buildings, except for academic buildings of the state colleges and universities, shall be