

**[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS No. 1513, January
23, 1986]**

TO: The General Manager
 Philippine National Railways
 The General Manager
 National Housing Authority

SUBJECT: TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES OF THE
 PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS TO THE NATIONAL HOUSING
 AUTHORITY AS SITES FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides that the State shall undertake urban land reform and social housing programs to provide deserving landless, homeless and inadequately sheltered lot-income resident citizens reasonable opportunity to acquire land and decent housing;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Letters of Instructions No. 555, 556 and 557 as amended by Letter of Instructions No. 686, the national government is implementing through the National Housing Authority, the Zonal Improvement Program (ZIP) in Metro Manila and the Slum Improvement and Resettlement Program (SIR) in other regional cities in order to respond to the housing and related needs of the urban poor;

WHEREAS, a number of identified Areas for Priority Development (APDs) and projects for development under the Zonal Improvement Program (ZIP) in Metro Manila and regional cities are non-operational railroad tracks and right-of-way owned by the Philippine National Railways and which have been occupied by squatter families for many years;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to resolve the land tenure problem and upgrade the quality of life of the urban poor residing in the said non-operational railroad tracks and right-of-way of the Philippine National Railways in accordance with the program of re-development of slums and blighted communities of the government being undertaken by the National Housing Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. Railroad tracks and right-of-way owned by the Philippine National Railways in Metro Manila as listed in Annex "A" of the Letter of Instructions and, the DAU-PNR site in Mabalacat, Pampanga, which are non-operational or other not being used for their intended purposes and which are occupied by marginal and low income families who have resided on the said land for many years, are hereby transferred and conveyed to the National Housing Authority, for re-development and disposition as Projects under the Zonal Improvement Program (ZIP) and the Slum Improvement and Resettlement Program in accordance with Letters of Instructions Nos. 555, 556 and 557 as amended by Letter of Instructions No. 686.