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TO:

The Minister of National Defense

The Minister of finance

The Minister of Justice

The Chief of Staff, AFP

The Director General, NISA

In the implementation of LOI 399 dated 28 April 1976, creating the National Action Committee on Anti-Hijacking (NACAH), the Aviation Security Command (AVSECOM) is responsible for the protection of the airline industry to ensure their continued and uninterrupted operations. It shall maintain peace and order within airport complexes and secure all airports against offensive and terroristic acts that threaten civil aviation.

In the discharge of its responsibilities, the AVSECOM shall not in any manner interfere or involve itself in the management of the airport, the enforcement and/or supervision of customs, immigration, and quarantine activities but shall confine itself to its primary responsibility of security.

The AVSECOM shall withdraw from the MIA Terminal Building, however, it shall maintain Reaction units in alert stations which should be available to respond to all emergencies within the shortest possible time. It shall endeavor to minimize the unnecessary display of firearms and exposure of uniformed Personnel to the public except technicians operating security devices to monitor incoming and outgoing passenger and cargo.

It is also hereby directed that all law enforcement, intelligence, customs, immigration and quarantine personnel not in the actual performance of their duties shall not be allowed in the arrival and departure areas.

Done in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of November, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

President of the Philippines

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