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TO:

The Minister of National Defense
The Minister of Local Government
The Minister of Finance
The Minister of Trade and Industry
The Minister of Justice

SUBJECT:

Ban on the Importation, Manufacture, Distribution, Sale and Distribution, Sale and Display of Certain Types of Toy Firearms and Explosives

WHEREAS, there is now a proliferation of imported toy firearms and explosives which, except for its weight, are replicas in appearance, measurements, color and parts as its genuine counterpart firearms and explosives;

WHEREAS, these toy firearms and explosives could mislead the public into believing that these firearms are in fact genuine and as such could be used, as in fact reports indicate that these had been used, for illegal and/or criminal purposes by unscrupulous individuals;

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety and general welfare there, is an imperative need to ban the importation, manufacture, distribution, sale and display of these types of toys;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, do hereby order and direct the following:

- Henceforth, the importation, manufacture, distribution, sale and display of toy firearms and explosives which, even if dissimilar to in some aspects, are replicas in appearance, measurements, color and parts as its genuine counterpart firearms and explosives, are prohibited.
- The Ministers of Finance, Trade and Industry, Local Government and National Defense Shall issue necessary rules and regulations to implement these instructions.
- The Philippine Constabulary/Integrated National Police is directed to confiscate all toy firearms and explosives such as described in paragraph 1 hereof, which are displayed or otherwise used for illegal or criminal purposes.

Strict compliance herewith is enjoined.

Done in the City of Manila, this 31st day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

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