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### TO:

The Secretary of National Defense  
The Secretary of Justice  
The Secretary of Local Government  
and Community Development

It has come to the attention of the President that there are still some government officials and employees, including those in the military, in the local governments, and in local police forces, who are beginning once more to strive for privilege, and to show new signs of inefficiency, discourteousness, and a general inability to meet the rigid standards set for public officials under the New Society.

It need not be emphasized, in this connection, that there is a continuing need to remove this sense of complacency, and this backsliding to old ways, especially so that the nation can consolidate the gains made so far in progress and development.

In view of this, you are hereby constituted into a Special Cabinet Committee, with the Secretary of National Defense as Chairman, to help correct this situation.

The Committee shall receive complaints, conduct investigations by itself or through its authorized representatives, and take appropriate summary action against erring public officials.

It shall also recommend to me the dismissal of, or the taking of appropriate disciplinary action against, public officials and employees, both appointive and elective, who, in the opinion of the Committee, are undesirable or may be dispensed with on account of any misconduct in office.

Furthermore, the Committee promulgate rules for the conduct of its activities, which shall be summary and expeditious in nature.

Done in the City of Manila, this 15th day of October, in we year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

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

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