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TO:

The Commissioner, Bureau of Customs

The General Manager, Metropolitan Waterworks and

Sewerage System

The Minister, Ministry of Public Works

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Manila Water Supply Project II is essential to sustain the adequate supply of water in Metropolitan Manila and meet anticipated levels of demand;

WHEREAS, impediments in the form of delays, numerous documentation requirements, and faulty communications hamper the project's implementation;

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the early issuance of clearances for the imported components of the project, there is a need to coordinate the activities of the Bureau of Customs and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage Authority;

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

- The Bureau of Customs shall undertake the following activities to facilitate the importation of machinery, equipment and other material requirements for the project:
- Issue the necessary guidelines and procedures to contractors in fulfilling all the necessary documentation requirements for the importation and actual release of imported items;
- Assign the processing of import documents and other necessary papers relating to the project to specific Customs personnel to ensure the organized and smooth flow of import operations.
- The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System shall, on its part, undertake the following:
- Closely coordinate and monitor the activities of contractors in the acquisition and use of imported materials;

- For this matter, verify end issue certification of actual equipment use to the bureau of Customs;
- Coordinate with the Ministry of Public Works to establish and implement a procedure which will shorten the time lags in screening, review and evaluation of contract bids.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

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

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