BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINIS TRATIVE ORDER NO.181

CREATING A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE PORTS.

WHEREAS, a free port or ports in the Philippines offers possibilities for increased foreign trade and use of Philippine ports and shipping facilities and development of processing industries; and

WHEREAS, a thorough study of the matter should be undertaken to determine its impact on the economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a technical committee composed of representatives of the following offices:

> Presidential Economic Staff National Economic Council Department of Foreign Affairs Department of Commerce and Industry Philippine National Bank Bureau of Customs Department of Finance

for the purpose of

(a) reviewing the studies conducted on the matter and efforts exerted so far in the establishment of a free port in the Philippines;

(b) determining the feasibility of establishing such a port; and

(c) formulating, if deemed advisable, a program of action to implement the proposal.

The members shall elect a chairman from among themselves. The Committee may call on any government department, bureau, office agency or instrumentality for assistance in the accomplishment of its task.

It shall submit a report to the President within one year from the date of this Order.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of October the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-nine. , in

afer ERNESTO M. MACEDA Executive Secretary

By the President:

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