

MALACAÑANG

Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 303

RE-ESTABLISHING AND RE-ACTIVATING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT COORDINATING CENTER (OPCC) FOR THE STATE VISITS TO NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

WHEREAS, the OPCC was established as an ad hoc body in the Office of the President to provide timely information to the President on evolving critical issues and developments during the period of the President's conduct of foreign visits;

WHEREAS, it was activated on 24 hours operation during the state visit to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 26-30 January 1993, and was thereafter reactivated during the President's foreign visits until 30 March 1994;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a high level monitoring and reporting system that will cover all sectors and issues nationwide during the state visit of the President to Australia and New Zealand;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby re-establish and re-activate the operation of the Office of the President Coordinating Center during the state visits to New Zealand and Australia for the period 15 to 23 August 1995.

SECTION 1. The OPCC shall be under the overall supervision and responsibility of an Executive Committee chaired by the Executive Secretary, with the Secretaries of National Defense and Interior and Local Government as Vice-Chairmen, and the following as members:

- Chief Presidential Legal Counsel
- Director General, National Security Council
- Senior Deputy Executive Secretary
- Deputy Executive Secretary
- Head, Presidential Management Staff
- Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs
- Presidential Adviser for Political Affairs
- Presidential Adviser for Police Affairs
- Presidential Adviser for Military Affairs

SECTION 2. The functions of the OPCC shall primarily include:

- a. Provision of timely information to the President on evolving critical issues and developments during the period through the regular submission of OPCC Bulletins;
- b. Provision of a feedback system among and between agencies and the OP in carrying out the President's Directives while in Australia and New Zealand; and
- c. Provision of a channel of coordination and collaboration in the management of government affairs during the President's absence.

SECTION 3. The OPCC shall involve the participation and cooperation of all departments and agencies under the Executive Branch to be grouped into two (2) categories:

Group A : Parallel Agencies composed of the DILG, DFA, DND, DSWD, DOTC, DPWH, MMDA, NPC, PIA, RTVM and Task Force Lily; and

Group B : Cooperating Agencies composed of DOE, DA, DTI, DECS, DOLE, DENR, DOH, DOJ, DBM, NEDA, NEA, NIA, and OMA.

The Chairman of the OPCC Executive Committee may also call upon any government agency or instrumentality to participate and cooperate in the monitoring activities as may be necessary.

SECTION 4. The Parallel Agencies (Group A) shall establish counterpart coordinating centers in their respective departments/agencies that shall operate on a 24-hour basis to conduct monitoring activities in their respective sectors. The resulting reports from the monitoring activities of parallel agencies shall be submitted to the OPCC at 6-hour intervals.

SECTION 5. The Cooperating Agencies shall designate liaison officers who shall be on call on a 24-hour basis to provide monitoring reports that may be required by the OPCC. On a daily basis, Cooperating Agencies shall submit monitoring reports on their respective sectors at 12-hour intervals.

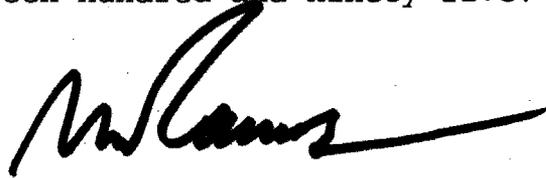
SECTION 6. The Center shall operate and co-locate with Task Force Lily at the Command Operation Center (COC), 4th Floor, New Executive Building, Malacañang.

SECTION 7. The operation of the Center shall be supervised by a member of the Executive Committee on a 24-hour rotation basis. Technical and secretariat support shall likewise be provided on a 24-hour rotation basis by a senior PMS official with the required manpower complement from the PMS. Task Force Lily shall continue to provide inputs to the OPCC on matters pertaining to criminality, insurgency, and peace and order.

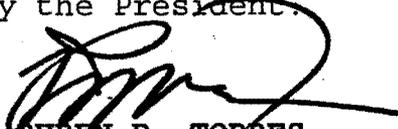
SECTION 8. Funding support for the operation of the OPCC shall be provided by the Office of the President.

SECTION 9. This memorandum shall take effect on 15 August 1995 and shall remain in effect until 23 August 1995.

Done in the City of Manila, this 14th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five.



By the President.



RUBEN D. TORRES
Executive Secretary