PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1901

(As Amended)

CREATING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PROVIDING FOR AN ACADEMIC BOARD THEREFOR

WHEREAS, The need for an institution to provide for continuing and intensive studies of the diversified problems relative to national defense and security has long been felt in the Department of National Defense;

WHEREAS, The government is strongly committed to the proposition that the defense of the state is the prime duty of every citizen such that the preparation, mobilization, and execution of plans which involve the financial, industrial, economic, social and moral forces and resources of the nation are responsibilities which should be borne not only by the Department of National Defense but also by the other branches of the Government as well as the private sector;

WHEREAS, in order to effectively implement these plans, there is an urgent need for a highly reputable educational and doctrinal center to turn out needed qualified military leaders and civilian executives; and

WHEREAS, there were pending before Congress prior to the promulgation of Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, House Bill No. 1447 entitled "AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FOR AN ACADEMIC BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" and Senate Bill No. 597 entitled "AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES";

NOW, THEREFORE, I FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972 and General Order No. 1, dated September 22, 1972 as amended, and hereby order and decree that the above mentioned denominated as House Bill No. 1447 and Senate Bill No. 597, which are integrated and modified hereunder and made a part hereof, shall henceforth be part of the law of the land;

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¹ This document, is a consolidation of Presidential Decree No. 190 and Presidential Decree No 452 which was made for the purpose of making referrals to both decrees easier.

Section 1. There shall be established in the Philippines under the Department of National Defense an educational institution to be known as the NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Section 2. The College shall be specifically designed and geared to prepare and develop potential national defense leaders, civilian officials of the different branches of the government, and selected executives from the private sector.

Section 3.

- (a) The College shall be under the direction, control and supervision of the Secretary of National Defense. It shall be headed by a President who shall administer the College with the assistance of an Executive Vice President.
- (b) The College shall have an Academic Board to be composed of the Vice President for Academic Affairs as Chairman, and the heads of academic discipline, as members.
- (c) The College is empowered to confer the degree of Master in National Security Administration (MNSA) upon all its students who will satisfactorily complete the prescribe course of studies; Provided, however, that students who completed the regular course of the College prior to the approval of the Decree are hereby declared eligible to the privileges conferred hereon.

Section 4. The Academic Board shall assist the President of the College in the discharge of the following functions:

- (a) To supervise the academic affairs of the College;
- (b) To recommend academic consultants, lecturers, professors, and instructors of the College; and
- (c) To recommend the course of study which shall include, but not necessarily limited to, all facets and elements of national power.

Section 5. The professors, instructors, lecturers, and consultants of the College shall, as much as possible, be drawn from the military and civilian branches of the National Government and governmental educational Institutions. All academic consultants, professors, instructors or lecturers, whether civilian or military personnel, in addition to their salaries, shall be entitled to receive honorarium or fees as fixed by the Secretary of National Defense.

Section 6.

(a) The heads of various Departments, offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, and the Armed Forces of

the Philippines shall submit to the Secretary of National Defense a list of their ranking officials and officers who are holding or are earmarked for positions of higher responsibility and/or are involved in the formulation and implementation of national security policy. The names of these officials and officers shall compose the Standing List of NDCP Candidates, hereafter called the List, which shall be annually kept up to date. Holders of the MNSA degree shall not be included in the List. The President of the College shall recommend to the Secretary of National Defense the number of candidates for inclusion in the List from the AFP, each department, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the national government.

- (b) Upon request of the Secretary of National Defense, the various heads of department, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the national government are hereby authorized to detail officers and employees for duty or to take any course of instruction in the College.
- (c) The President of the College shall circularize to the private sector, not later than ninety (90) days prior to the opening of each course of study, student quota spaces for selected executives.
- (d) The College shall have a Board of Admission responsible for the screening and selection of the best qualified candidates from the Standing List of NDCP Candidates and the private sector. It shall be composed of five members to be chosen by the President of the college, three of whom shall be outstanding MNSA graduates each representing the military, civilian government and the private sector.
- (e) Allowances of military and civilian personnel detailed with the College for duty therein, as well as those of students of the College, shall be fixed by the Secretary of National Defense.

Section 7. Graduates of the College will receive, for purposes of promotion to key and sensitive positions in the military and civilian offices, preferential consideration and/or credit points in the grade or class of their respective positions.

Subject to existing AFP regulations, the following shall be complied with:

- (a) Civilians who will graduate from the NDCP will receive an initial rank of Lieutenant Colonel.
- (b) Civilians who will graduate from the NDCP and who are holders of a commission in the reserve force (inactive) below the rank of Lieutenant Colonel shall be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

(c) AFP personnel in the active service and who will graduate from the NDCP are not covered by the provisions of this paragraph.

Authority to use with honor the abbreviations MNSA after their names shall be given to all graduates of this College.

Section 8. The Secretary of National Defense is hereby empowered to promulgate rules and regulations to affectively implement the purpose of this Decree.

Section 9. Such sum or sums as may be needed to carry out the provisions of this Decree is hereby appropriated and shall be carried annually under the Department of National Defense in the General Appropriations Act.

Done in the City of Manila this 13th Day of May in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred Seventy Four.

(SGD) FERDINAND E MARCOS