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U.S. AUTHORITIES LIFT ORDER RESTRICTING MARCOS'S TRAVEL

NEW YORK, AUG. 5 -- Immigration officials said today they have lifted an order that prevented Imelda Marcos from leaving Manhattan without permission.

Under the restrictions, the former first lady of the Philippines was required to get permission from the Justice Department 48 hours before leaving Manhattan to go anywhere -- even to the Bronx.

The restrictions were lifted Friday, two days after Philippine President Corazon Aquino reversed a 5 1/2-year ban on Marcos's return to her homeland. Marcos was given a one-way travel document allowing her to go back anytime before September. She faces tax-evasion charges in the Philippines.

Marcos now may leave the United States without permission, said Immigration and Naturalization Service spokesman Duke Austin.

However, because her passport is being held by the Philippine government, she would need advance permission to return to the United States, Austin said.

The travel ban was lifted following a request by her lawyers. The request was granted because "the Aquino government says it does not object to her return," Austin said.

The restrictions were issued in June 1989, when federal authorities declared Marcos a "security threat." Her husband, deposed Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos, died in in Hawaii in September 1989. She was acquitted in July 1990 of charges that she helped her husband loot the Philippine treasury of \$222 million used to secretly buy New York real estate and other luxuries.

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