

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1043, July 16, 1980]

ON THE PROCUREMENT OF BOOKS AND OTHER TEACHING AIDS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO: The Minister of Education and Culture
The Minister of the Budget
The Minister of Local Government and Community Development
The Chairman, Commission on Audit

Whereas, the limited funds of government need to be used in the most effective manner;

Whereas, the production of textbooks is a priority activity that needs maximum funding support;

Whereas, a relative priority structure must be determined in the allocation of funds for textbooks, reference books, supplementary readers, flip charts, and other types of teaching aids;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President, (Prime Minister) of the Philippines, do hereby Order and Instruct:

1. The production and procurement of textbooks shall be undertaken through EDPITAF, which shall prepare and submit for the approval of the President, an annual textbook program that indicates the status of existing textbook levels in the various Regions, the proposed annual distribution identified as to region grade, subject, title, and other pertinent information.
2. Funds appropriated for books, whether coming from loan proceeds or peso counterpart requirements supported by the general Fund or by Special Funds or Accounts, shall be covered by the textbook program to be prepared by EDPITAF.
3. The funds appropriated for EDPITAF, including loan Proceeds and peso counterpart requirements, may not be used for the procurement of items other than textbooks.
4. The purchase of textbooks, supplementary readers, reference books, and other similar items which are funded from the regular equipment funds of the Ministry of Education and Culture, of national high schools and colleges, or from Local School Board funds, shall be subject to the prior approval of the President in consonance with LOImp. No. 29.
5. Maintenance and operating funds of the Ministry of Education and Culture may be used for the production or procurement of teaching aids other than books only with the prior approval of the President, following the procedure established under LOImp. No. 29 for books. Such maintenance and operating funds may not be used for the production or procurement of books. For purposes of these Instructions, teaching aids shall include flip charts, flash