

[LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 644, December 21, 1977]

DIRECTING THE ACCELERATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON MINDANAO

TO: The Secretary of Education and Culture
 The Secretary of Agriculture
 The Secretary of Health
 The Secretary of National Defense
 The Secretary of Local Government and
 Community Development
 The Secretary of Economic Planning
 The Commissioner of the Budget
 The Executive Director of the National
 Nutrition Council

WHEREAS, school supplementary feeding has been an established priority project of government, forming part of the nationwide nutrition program being conducted under the auspices of the First Lady;

WHEREAS, school supplementary feeding has been actively supported not only by the national government, but also by international agencies including Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere (CARE), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the World Food Programme (WFP);

WHEREAS, the expansion of the school supplementary feeding program will complement the efforts addressed to pre-school and children identified by "Operation Timbang" and by LOI No. 441;

WHEREAS, survey data shows the need for improving nutrition among Mindanao schoolchildren;

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation and development of Mindanao may be more quickly attained with a more aggressive school supplementary feeding programs therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby issue the the following instruction;

1. The Secretary of Education and Culture shall review the plans, programs and implementation of the school supplementary feeding programs, with the purpose of identifying supplementary feeding program, with the purpose of Identify.
 - (a) ways and means of increasing the volume of supplementary feeding with particular attention to local food components,
 - (b) priority areas of the country where greater attention is needed, and
 - (c) the groups of schoolchildren most likely to benefit from supplementary feeding.
2. A Task Force, to be known as "Mindanao School Supplementary Feeding Program: Task Force" is hereby created and assigned with the responsibilities of preparing and implementing a comprehensive program for school feeding in