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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATION TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, without in any way pre-empting the prerogatives of the Board of National Education to examine the validity and merits of the proposals under the report of the Presidential Commission to Survey Philippine Education, there is need to create a Task Force that will choose and evaluate the specific projects proposed in the said report and prepare therefor the necessary project feasibility studies in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the Presidential memorandum to the Secretary of Education dated May 1, 1971;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create an Education Task Force (hereinafter referred to as "Task Force") which shall undertake the foregoing responsibility.

The objectives of the Education Task Force are:

- 1. To formulate a program of action, in consultation with the government agencies concerned, particularly the Department of Education, for the purpose of implementing approved recommendations of the Presidential Commission;
- 2. To undertake feasibility studies in connection with approved project recommendations of said Commission;
- 3. To pursue in adequate detail some of the areas of concern recommended by the Commission for further study;
- 4. To specify the details of the development plan for education, subject to the approval of authorities concerned.

To attain the aforementioned objectives, the Task Force shall have authority to undertake the following:

- 1. To enter into contract with competent parties and to request detail of appropriate personnel from other government agencies in the performance of its functions;
- 2. To serve as liaison group with representatives of agencies and organizations here and abroad in the accomplishment of its functions; and
- 3. To prepare necessary documents needed in the implementations of any or all aspects of the program of action stipulated to be