[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 16, October 16, 1992]

DIRECTING ALL DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO CONTINUE OBSERVING THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129, AS AMENDED, AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1, DATED MARCH 1972

WHEREAS, Cabinet Resolution dated June 6, 1956, created the interagency Special Committee on Scholarships (SCS) to re-examine existing Cabinet policies relating to foreign scholarships, fellowship training grants, and the like and to make recommendations on pending foreign scholarships and related matters;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 129, s. 1968, as amended, provides rules and regulations governing official travel abroad connected with foreign scholarships, fellowship training grants, and the like, of all government officials and employees, including those of government owned and controlled corporations, and emphasizes the requisite approval by SCS to such foreign travel;

WHEREAS, Letter of Implementation No. 10, dated November 1, 1972, issued pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1, directs the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) to provide secretariat assistance to the SCS;

WHEREAS, Letter of Implementation No. 35, dated December 11, 1975, directed that SCS be attached to the NEDA;

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission issued Memorandum Circular No. 34, s. 1992, establishing the scholarship program for government and providing for its effective administration;

WHEREAS, said Memorandum Circular runs counter to the spirit of earlier issuances, impinges on the functions of the SCS and NEDA, and duplicates existing scholarship programs inevitably depleting meager government resources;

All departments, bureaus, and agencies of the national and local government, including government owned and controlled corporations and state colleges and universities are therefore hereby instructed that all matters pertaining to local and foreign scholarships should continue to be administered and coordinated by the Special Committee on Scholarships of the National Economic Development Authority.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: 16 Oct. 1992