

# **[ LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS No. 1489, December 10, 1985 ]**

## **DIRECTING THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM TO ENSURE A CONTINUING SUPPLY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS**

TO:     The Minister of Education, Culture and Sports  
          The Minister of the Budget  
          The Minister of Local Government  
          The Chairman, Commission on Audit  
          The Chairman, Civil Service Commission  
          The Chairman and Members of Local School Boards  
          The General Manager, Instructional Materials Corporation

WHEREAS, the textbook and instructional materials program is presently supported by a World Bank loan (PRODED), which is about to expire;

WHEREAS, the instructional Materials Corporation (IMC) was established to ensure that a mechanism exists to see to the continuation of the textbook program even after the termination of the ongoing World Bank funded project;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Law, do hereby Order and Instruct:

1. To enable the IMC to discharge its assigned role of ensuring the continuing production of quality textbooks and teaching material for the public school system all textbooks, teaching aids, school forms, workbooks and other teaching materials purchased out of the budgetary appropriations of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, the budgets of local government units, and the Special Education Fund shall be directly purchased from the IMC;
2. All appropriations of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports and of the Special Education Funds of local government units, intended for the development, production, distribution and purchase of textbooks, teaching aids, school forms, workbooks and other teaching materials of public elementary and secondary schools shall be utilized and or spent on material published by the IMC or by private publishers if the former has no available works for the purpose;
3. The Board of Director of the IMC shall ensure the reasonability of the prices of books and materials sold to the national or local government units. It may, however, charge as part of costs a share of the development and research costs of textbook and teaching materials. The Chairman of the Commission on Audit shall conduct an annual review of the costs and prices of IMC material and shall report to the President on its findings, including the efficiency of its operations and the reasonability of its profits;
4. The IMC shall not venture into printing, except for typesetting, composition and layouting. Its printing requirements shall be fulfilled by private and public