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DIRECTING THE INSTITUTION OF REMEDIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSES

TO: The Minister of Education, Culture and Sports; The Minister of the Budget; The Chairman, Commission on Audit

WHEREAS, the Philippine secondary school system is a complex structure of numerous types of diversly funded schools which have correspondingly different capabilities to provide good training to their students;

WHEREAS, a good quality secondary education is a necessary preparation for entry to and sucess in both a tertiary level education or the world of work;

WHEREAS, the impact of development efforts in secondary education which are now underway will be felt in many of the smaller high schools only after several years;

WHEREAS, it is urgent that students throughout the country be given a reasonable opportunity to obtain a good secondary education, even while the improvement efforts are still in progress;

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. The MECS shall organize remedial courses at the post-secondary level, intended for high school graduates wishing to feel a need for catching up and thus competing on even footing with graduates of the better high schools;
2. The classes shall be offered by the high school standard secondary schools that have the staff and facilities to offer such post secondary cources. The Bureau of Secondary Education shall identify, in coordination with MEGS Regional Offices and the National Education Testing Center, the secondary schools which may offer such post secondary courses. Preference shall be given to national high schools and the larger provincial high schools, aiming at one school per province or city.
3. The classes may be for a summer to one year and for more than one subject, depending on the needs of the high school graduates seeking entry to the cources. Priority shall be given to remedial cources in the communication arts, mathematics and science. Specific needs, however, shall be determined through guidance counseling and/or the results of such entrance examination as way be necessary in order to determine the achievement level of a student;
4. Schools may charge such student fees as may be necessary to cover the costs of the courses that they offer. The fees shall be recorded as Trust Receipts and disbursed for personal services costs (including honoraria or compensation of teachers handling the courses and of administrators and support personnel who render service directly for the program) and maintenance and operating costs incurred. Such additional textbooks, material and equipment as may