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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
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"OPERATION SUNBEAM" OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL  
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FOUNDATION INC.

To the: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Coordinator, State Colleges  
and Universities  
Heads of Offices/Units

1. The Philippine National School for the Blind Foundation Inc., has launched "Operation Sunbeam", its first general educational membership and fund campaign, during the period from August 15 to December 31, 1975, as authorized under Proclamation No. 1489 of the Office of the President.

2. "Operation Sunbeam" is an appeal "for a little sunshine—even just a sunbeam, figuratively, into the bleak and dreary and almost hopeless lives and future of the blind and almost-blind students of the Philippine National School for the Blind." Specifically, the campaign seeks to raise an amount of ₱200,000 to enable the Foundation not only to repair vital facilities of the school for the blind, but also to improve the nutrition of blind students, now subsisting on a 50-centavos per meal, to extend medical care assistance to them, and to provide vocational training to enable them to live through their own efforts afterwards.

3. Considering the worthiness of "Operation Sunbeam" and in support of the President's rally for general public assistance on this laudable project, directors and heads of offices and their personnel are enjoined to support this civic fund campaign generously. It may be mentioned that donations and contributions to the Philippine National School for the Blind Foundation Inc., are

deductible expenses for income tax purposes as provided under Presidential Decree No. 502, dated July 15, 1974.

4. All donations and contributions should be sent to the Philippine National School for the Blind Foundation Inc., 206 Casa Blanca, 1447 N. Adriatico St., Ermita, Manila. A copy of the transmittal letter should be furnished the School Health Services Unit, this Department, for record purposes.

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