Femiblika ng Pilipinas (Republic of the Philippinas) MINISTRI NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA (MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE) Maynila

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"ALAY AKLAT" PROJECT

To: Bureau Directors
Cultural Agency Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

- 1. The Council for the Welfare or Children is launching in December, this year, its "Alay Aklan Frequet designed to operationalize a nation-wide network of libraries which will provide books for children, particularly those from the underserved rural areas and cultural communities.
- 2. The "Alay Aklat" Project is a five-year program for the Decade of the Filipino Child to solicit donations of used and unused good books for children. The books will be sent to the above-mentioned areas through the network of the National Library and the Philippine Library Association and will be made available to the children in mobile libraries, barangay centers or children's reading centers.
- In view of the far-reaching benefits of this project, this Office hereby endorses it and enjoins all officials and employees of this Ministry, including school officials and teachers in the field, to cooperate in this campaign by donating at least one good book or magazine such as the Reader's Digest to the project.
- 4. Collected books should be packed in sturdy bags or boxes and turned over to the National Library or the public library in the locality.
- 5. School children and students in Metro Manila should be encouraged to participate by donating books. In the depressed areas, the schools may request, through their schools superintendent or regional director, to be beneficiaries of the Project.
- 6. It is requested that this Memorandum be given wide publicity.

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None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(D.O. 1-76)

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