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INITIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHESS IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
AND FOOTBALL IN REGION VI HIGH SCHOOLS

To: Undersecretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. Chess is one of the four major sports identified for mass school-based propagation by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports. It was chosen because of its potential for developing the "thinking process" among children, and enhancing mental creativity, mental persistence and endurance, as well as the ability for disciplined thinking. The mental game of chess is perceived as an activity which will balance the effects of participation in motor activities among children.
2. On the other hand, football is a sport that is very popular in Region VI. Therefore Region VI will be the recipient of footballs to test the effectivity of regional approach to sports development where one popular sport is being promoted in one particular region. Region VI, where most of the outstanding national football players come from, is identified for this project.
3. To create the necessary awareness and impetus for these two projects the Bureau of Physical Education and School Sports (BPSS) will procure one thousand nine hundred fifty (1,950) chess sets to be distributed to selected public elementary schools all over the country, together with one hundred (100) footballs for selected public high schools in Region VI.
4. Distribution of the chess sets and footballs to selected recipient schools shall be done by the regional offices. The regional physical education and school sports (PESS) supervisors, through the regional directors, shall submit to the BPSS a report on the chess sets and footballs distributed to their respective recipient schools not later than 30 days after receipt of the same.
5. The regional PESS supervisors concerned shall likewise render a report on the chess promotional activities undertaken in their respective regions, while the PESS Supervisor of Region VI shall submit a special report on the utilization of the footballs.
6. Since these initial chess and football supplies are intended to promote the two sports, it is anticipated that school personnel concerned shall utilize the same for activities which will ensure greater participation among elementary and secondary pupils. Their maximum use for this purpose should be observed.
7. For compliance.

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Secretary

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