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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY


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DECS MEMORANDUM
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To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Center/Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents

1. Inclosed is a copy of the letter of Mr. Tomas P. Africa, Civil Registrar General, Office of the Civil Registrar General, National Statistics Office, Sta. Mesa, Manila, requesting the assistance of this office in implementing Section 3 of P.D. 651 relative to the submission of birth certificate as a prerequisite for enrolment in the first grade in all public and private schools in the country and allowance of tax exemption for dependants under the National Internal Revenue Code.
2. For information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.


ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO
Acting Secretary

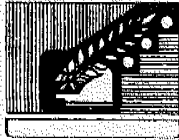
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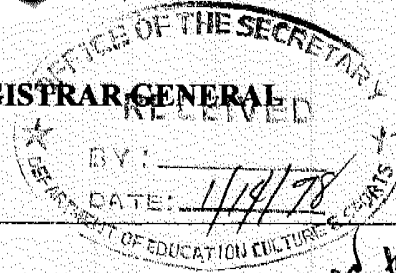
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under the following subjects:

ADMISSION or ENROLMENT
SCHOOLS



Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CIVIL REGISTRAR GENERAL
 National Statistics Office
 Sta. Mesa, Manila



Ref. No. 977000-0410
 (Please cite in your reply.)

Hon. Ricardo T. Gloria
 Secretary, DECS
 University of Life Complex
 Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

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NSO

10 December 1997

*See copy sent to DECS for emergency
 case. We should be working on this
 case with the DECS
 phone number
 T-7.*

Dear Sir:

There are people coming to our Office complaining that their names in their Certificates of Live Birth (COLB) are different from their school records. To correct this inconsistent use of names, we can only advise them either to go to DECS and ask for the correction of their names in all their school records, or to file petition in court for a change of name. Both remedies are time-consuming and expensive on the part of the concerned parties. It may also be possible that because of this problem, the concerned parties may lose their chances of being employed, here or abroad.

To avoid this problem, may we seek your assistance in implementing Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 651 which provides:

1 Sec. 3. Proof of birth registration a pre-requisite to school enrolment and allowance of tax exemption. - Henceforth, starting with the year 1975, the presentation of a birth certificate shall be a pre-requisite to enrolment in the first grade in all public and private schools in the country and allowance of tax exemption for dependents under the National Internal Revenue Code.

May we request that this matter be circularized to all the public and private schools.

Very truly yours,

TOMAS P. AFRICA
 Civil Registrar General

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