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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS  
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY


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FOUR REMAINING TASKS TO ENSURE CONTINUED DEDICATION  
AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

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

1. Inclosed is a copy of the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, Manila dated April 20, 1998 re: Four Remaining Tasks to ensure continued dedication and commitment to public service.
2. For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

  
ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO  
Secretary

Incl.: As stated  
Reference: None  
Allotment: 1--(D.O. 50-97)  
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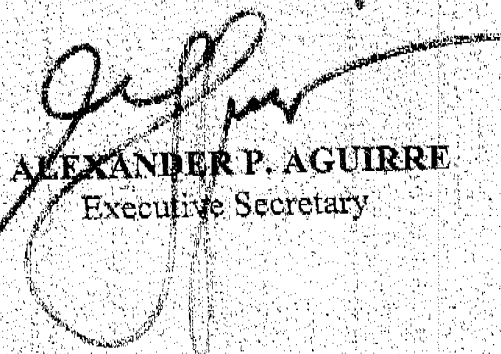
**MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

**TO :** SECRETARY, DECS  
**SUBJECT :** FOUR REMAINING TASKS  
**DATE :** 20 APRIL 1998

1. It is hereby requested that your good office circularize the attached memorandum to all your heads of agencies, entities or units under your jurisdiction as an additional instrument regarding the directive of the President to promote honest, orderly and peaceful (H-O-P-E) elections.
2. For your information, guidance and appropriate action.

3. Thank you.

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**ALEXANDER P. AGUIRRE**  
Executive Secretary

**Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
Malacañang**

**MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

TO : ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : **FOUR REMAINING MAJOR TASKS**

DATE : 19 APRIL 1998

Time and again, the President has issued instructions and made pronouncements in various fora, exhorting all government officials and employees to continue their dedication and commitment to public service. In this regard, he has repeatedly mentioned four remaining major tasks, among others, that we must do, namely:

**First**, we must preserve and enhance the social, economic and political gains that the present Administration has achieved in almost six years. It is vital that we leave a good legacy to the next Administration so that it can continue to strengthen and build on these gains.

**Second**, we must actively participate in and support the joyous and memorable celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the proclamation of our Independence. Our centennial celebration, being non-partisan and a patriotic gesture, will be a unifying force for all our people. We must raise the consciousness of our people that through the past one-hundred years, we have built a nation worthy of the ultimate sacrifices of the heroes of the revolution.

**Third**, we must ensure honest, orderly and peaceful elections (H-O-P-E). We must be fully committed to seeing to it that our institutions of democracy are sustained. This we can do by being vigilant of our rights, performing our duties well, and preventing any action or irregularity that will negate H-O-P-E.

**Fourth**, we must ensure an orderly turnover of power to the next Administration (whoever is elected), so that our people will continue to advance in their quality of life in the midst of peace and order, political stability and democracy. As a matter of fact, we have already a transition management plan as provided for in Administrative Order No. 385 that should be implemented.

In the words of President Ramos in his last State of the Nation Address before the 10th Congress on 28 July 1997, *"when that graduation day comes, we will have the honor to hand over to our successors ... the new kind of Philippines that our heroes of our centennial period envisioned -- a Philippines that will endure through the new century dawning upon us -- a Philippines where our people, under God, can live together in freedom, dignity, and prosperity -- at peace with themselves and with all humankind."*

Thus, let us committedly and actively support the President's call for H-O-P-E, and join him in leaving a legacy of a stable and progressive nation with even stronger democratic institutions.

  
ALEXANDER B. AGUIRRE  
Executive Secretary

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