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LINGUA FRANCA EDUCATION PROJECT

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents

1. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports is embarking on a pilot study called Lingua Franca Education Project in SY 1999-2000 which aims to define and implement a national bridging program from the vernacular to Filipino and later English to develop initial literacy for use in public schools. Through the bridging program, an alternative curriculum will be used in acquiring basic literacy and numeracy skills with the local lingua franca as the language of instruction.
2. The pilot study will involve two Grade I classes from each of the sixteen (16) regions. One will be the experimental class and the other the control class.
3. Each region will identify two schools (one experimental and one control) which will participate in the study. The criteria in the selection of schools are the following:
 - a. Schools should be located in a 5th or 6th class municipality;
 - b. The lingua franca spoken in the area is either Tagalog, Ilocano or Cebuano (See inclosure for the lingua franca of each region for which verification is needed);
 - c. Enrolment in Grade I is at least 40;
 - d. Peace and order condition is relatively stable and no disruption of classes is imminent due to heavy flooding, etc.;
 - e. School is accessible for monitoring;
 - f. Principal is progressive and dynamic; and
 - g. Both experimental and control schools should have relatively similar conditions including capabilities of teachers.
4. Two (2) Grade I teachers from each of the experimental schools together with the principal will undergo training before the pilot study. One teacher will handle the Grade I experimental class while the other will be the alternate. If there is only one Grade I teacher in the school, the Grade II teacher will be the alternate. All concerned are requested to submit the names of the teachers who will undergo the training and the names of the experimental and control schools and the lingua franca spoken in the area to:

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Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

✓ Course of Study, ELEMENTARY
✓ PROJECTS
✓ TRAINING PROGRAMS

**Lingua Franca For Use in the Pilot Study
(For verification)**

Region I	-	Ilocano
Region II	-	Ilocano
Region III	-	Tagalog
Region IV	-	Tagalog
Region V	-	Tagalog
Region VI	-	Tagalog
Region VII	-	Cebuano
Region VIII	-	Cebuano
Region IX	-	Cebuano
Region X	-	Cebuano
Region XI	-	Cebuano
Region XII	-	Tagalog
CARAGA	-	Cebuano
ARMM	-	Tagalog
CAR	-	Ilocano
NCR	-	Tagalog