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2ND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL VISITS OF A HISTORIC SHIP THE M V DOULOS

To Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Principals

1 The world's oldest active ocean-going M V Doulos is coming to the Philippines to introduce their Floating Book Fair and Cultural Exchange Program with the end-in-view of promoting quality education and international understanding

2 Over the past 21 years this ship has visited more than 80 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Pacific. The M V Doulos is celebrating her 86th birthday this year. It is owned and operated by Guto Bucher Fur Aite (GBA), a private non-profit charity organization based in Germany.

3 There are more than 300 young men and women from 35 countries who sail on board the ship. They all serve as volunteer workers and learn together without salary.

4 The schedule of M V Doulos' visit to Manila is from March 23 to April 17, 2000.

5 Being the world's oldest passenger vessel in service, the M V Doulos is also the world's largest floating bookshop. The Book Fair on board includes thousands of titles covering a wide range of subjects such as Sports, Hobbies, Cookery, the Arts, Philosophy, Science and children's books. These books have been carefully chosen to be of interest to every member of the family. Most of the books on display are in English, but Tagalog titles will also be available. All books have been screened to make sure the ship carries no offensive books of a pornographic or political nature. The onboard bookshop offers educational literature at reduced prices.

6 The suggested events for the M V Doulos visit include the following:

- a the crew and staff will present an exciting and enjoyable evening of music, cultural dance and song called "International Night" which will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Bonifacio Shrine, Kartilya-side, beside Manila City Hall.
- b to work with Manila City Hall in a litter clean up programme.
- c assist two orphanages in their maintenance needs, and
- d send teams to hospitals and prisons in the city.

7 For further inquiry, please coordinate with Graham Jack, Doulos Project Manager, at tel. no. 533-1336 or fax no. 533-1337.

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8 Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired

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Reference DECS Memorandum No 455 s 1996

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