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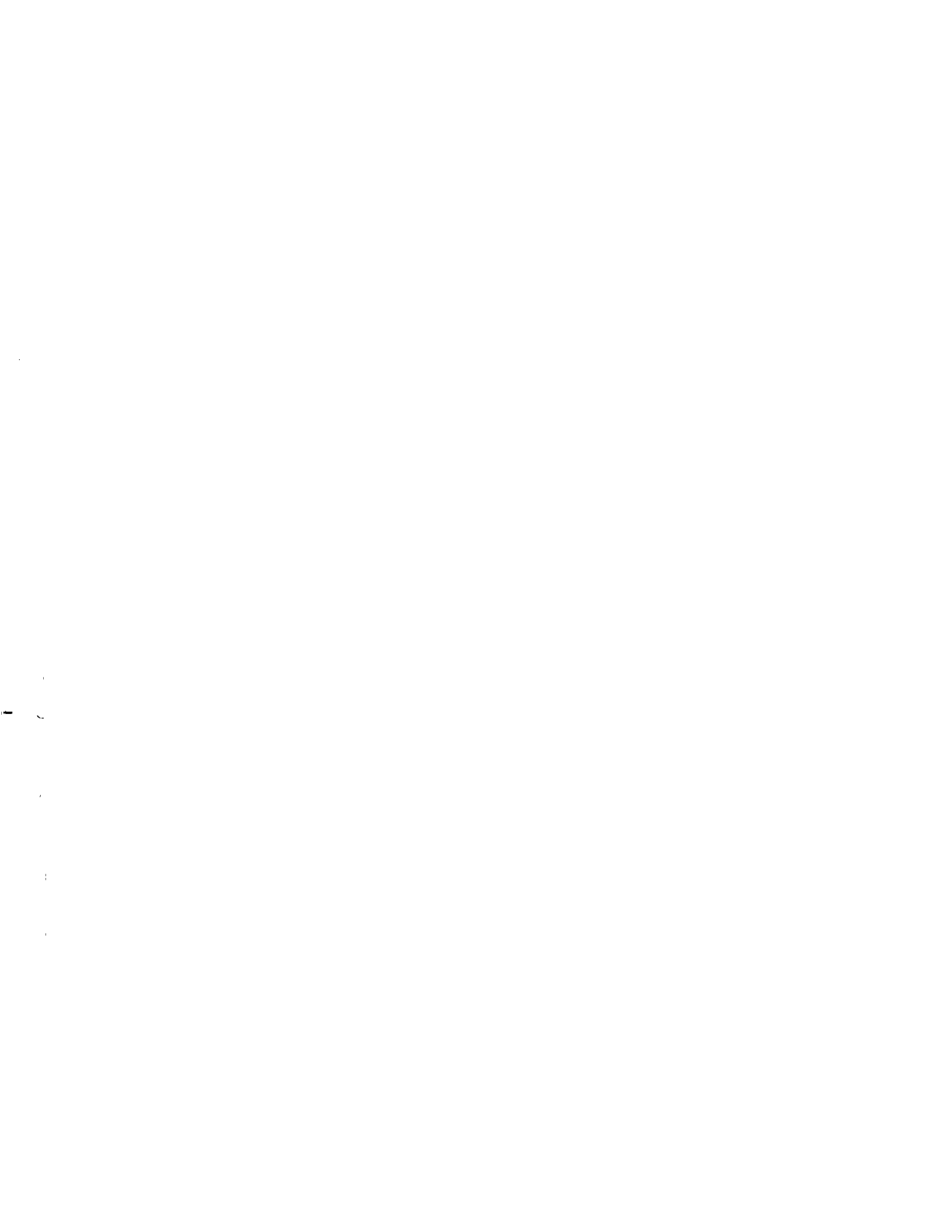
THE TEXTBOOK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
AND LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS

To: The Director of Public Schools,
The Director of Private Schools,
The Director of Vocational Education, and
The Regional Directors:

1. The Department is embarking on an eight-year Textbook Development Project thru the facilities of the Educational Development Project Implementing Task Force (EDPITAF) starting school year 1975-1976 through school year 1982-1983. The project aims to increase the number of textbooks available for use in the public elementary and secondary schools toward a projected ratio of one set for every two pupils at the end of the 8-year period.

2. In view of the big financing requirements of the project, a loan agreement with the world Bank is under negotiation. The agreement calls for a yearly counterpart of P45 million from the Philippine government. The plan calls for support of local school boards; provincial, city and municipal, for a total of P25 million from annual appropriation from local funds of local school boards for the 8-year period, thru an appropriation of 25% of their retained shares of the Special Education Fund. The balance of P20 million shall be provided from the Stabilization Fund.

3. In consideration hereof, it is hereby requested that provisions be made for a regular appropriation in the budget of local school boards beginning fiscal year 1975-1976 of 25% of the estimated retained shares of the Special Education Fund for the purchase of textbooks on the basis of a listing of approved textbooks by the Textbook Board pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 687. Effective immediately, all local school



board budgets, whether provincial, city or municipal to be submitted for approval by this Office, should show an appropriation for the acquisition of textbooks equivalent to 25% of the retained shares.

4. Immediate dissemination of this Order is desired.

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