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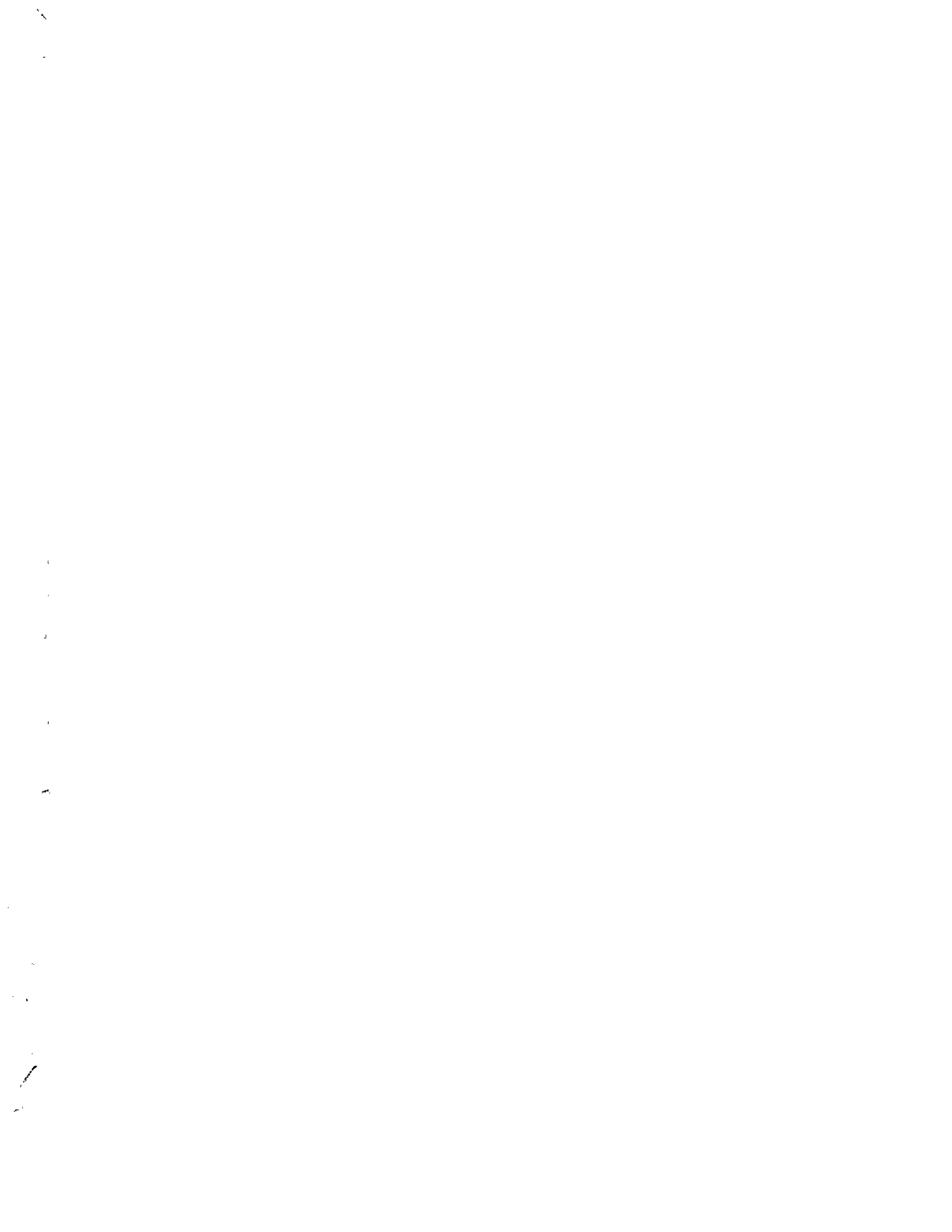
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MEC O R D E R
No. 71, s. 1979

MEC CLEARANCE REQUIRED BEFORE ISSUING LETTERS
OF ACCEPTANCE/HONORABLE DISMISSAL TO FOREIGN
STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. It has been observed lately by this Office that most of the requests in connection with the transfer of a foreign student from one school to another were based on the letters of acceptance issued by certain schools subject to the condition that the student should present an honorable dismissal from the previous school.
2. In several cases, foreign students were issued honorable dismissal by the previous school on the strength of the aforesaid letter of acceptance.
3. It should be stressed, however, that it is the policy of this Office to discourage the transfer of foreign students from one school to another, unless there are urgent or valid reasons, in order not to disrupt the continuity of their studies. It must be pointed out that this Office requires foreign students to finish their respective courses as soon as possible. Surveys show that a number of foreign students had to stay longer in the country than earlier planned due to transfers.
4. In addition, the transfer from one school to another could adversely affect the social and economic situation of the foreign students concerned. Necessary adjustments to the new environment have to be made by the said students.
5. Moreover, this Office would like to forestall the occurrence of certain administrative problems that may crop up as a result of these transfers, especially in the evaluation of school credits earned by the foreign students.



6. In view of the foregoing, no school should issue a letter of acceptance or an honorable dismissal to any foreign student desiring to transfer from one school to another, without securing first the clearance from this Office. Requests for clearance on this matter should be addressed to this Office (Attention: The Executive Director, Foreign Students, Foreign Schools and Former Chinese Schools Office). The foreign student's letter requesting transfer and citing his reasons should be attached to the aforesaid request.

7. Any provision of existing MEC Orders contrary to or inconsistent with this MEC Order is hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly and made part of this Order.

8. This MEC Order takes effect immediately. Strict observance by all concerned is desired.

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Reference:

MEC Order: No. 42, s. 1979

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