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REVISED QUOTA OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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. Since the declaration of martial law in the Philippines, there has been a considerable increase every year in the number of foreign students enrolled and studying in Philippine educational institutions.
2. The aforesaid situation has contributed, to a certain degree, to the congestion of students in schools in Metro Manila, especially in the collegiate or tertiary level where facilities are limited.
3. In view of the foregoing considerations, and in pursuance of our national interest, the following revised quota of foreign students who may enroll and study in the collegiate (tertiary) level of Philippine educational institutions shall be observed:
  - a. The total number of foreign students enrolled in Philippine educational institutions in the collegiate (tertiary) level shall not exceed 3,000 in any given academic year;
  - b. The total number of foreign students enrolled from ASEAN countries, as a group, shall not exceed 1,500 in any given academic year;
  - c. The total number of new foreign students enrolled in Philippine schools on the collegiate (tertiary level) shall be based on the following:
    - (1) ASEAN countries, as a group, shall be given a quota of three hundred seventy five (375) every school year;







- (2) Any country that exceeded 1,000 students as of school year 1978-79, shall not be given a quota for the next two years;
- (3) Any country with below 1,000 but not less than 500 students as of school year 1978-79, shall be given a quota of one hundred (100) every school year;
- (4) Any country with below 500 but not less than 100 students as of school year 1978-79, shall be given a quota of thirty (30) every school year and
- (5) The quota for all other non-ASEAN countries with less than 100 students as of the school year 1978-79, shall be one hundred fifteen (115) allocated on a case to case basis.

4. As regards foreign students desiring to pursue medicine and dentistry which this Office has considered to be saturated, the following quota shall likewise be observed:

- a. The total number of foreign freshmen students in each medical or dental school shall not exceed five per cent (5%) of the total first year or freshmen enrollment in the school concerned; and
- b. Aliens who are born in the Philippines or are permanent residents here shall be given priority in the five per cent (5%) maximum for foreign students in each medical or dental school.

5. This Office, through the Foreign Students, Foreign Schools and Former Chinese Schools Office, shall determine the specific quotas of foreign students of individual countries in accordance with existing arrangement made with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Commission on Immigration and Deportation, and other concerned offices/agencies.

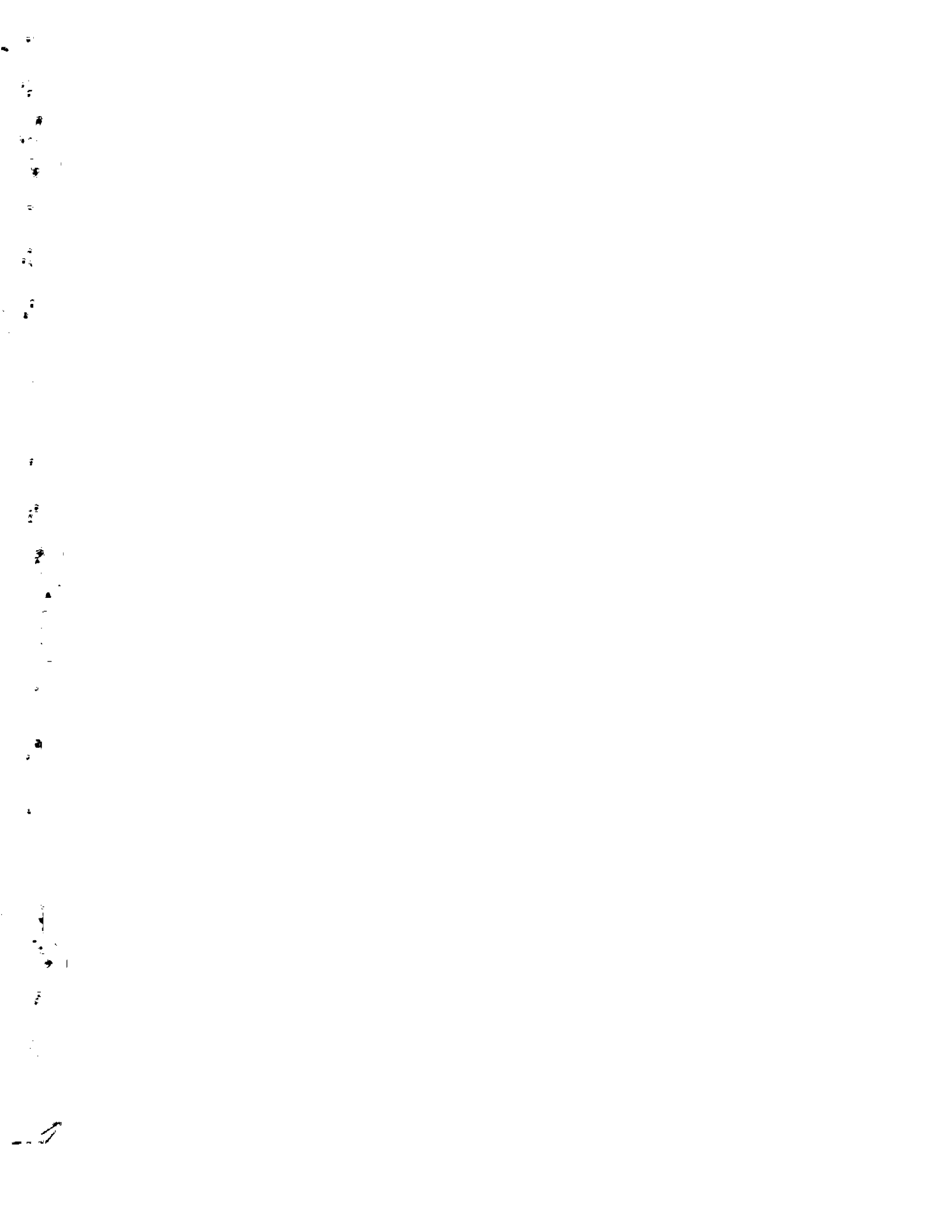
6. MEC Order No. 23, s. 1979, entitled "Quota of Foreign Students Seeking Admission in Philippine Schools" is hereby amended accordingly.

7. This MEC Order supplements MEC Order No. 42, s. 1979, entitled "Processing of Applications for Student Visa and Study Permit of Foreign Students."

8. This MEC Order shall take effect during the school year 1980-81.

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References:

MEC Orders: (Nos. 23 and 42, s. 1979)

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