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MECS O R D E R
No. 14, s. 1984

MINIMIZING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGNS DIRECTED
AT SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN

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
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. Letter of Instructions No. 1385 on the subject "Minimizing Fund Raising Campaigns Directed at Schoolteachers and Schoolchildren" is herewith transmitted to all schools, school authorities and others concerned for their information and guidance.

2. Close attention is invited to the following:

- a. Participation in the activities mentioned shall be limited (1) to those undertaken for direct benefit of individual schools or of the educational system and (2) to those specifically authorized by law, namely: the Red Cross, Anti-Tuberculosis, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts campaigns.
- b. Contributions for the fund-raising campaigns referred to or such as may be authorized pursuant to LOI 1385 shall be purely voluntary, and no quotas shall be assigned to schools, teachers or students.
- c. MECS offices and units, school divisions, schools and other component agencies shall not devote their scarce resources in the furtherance of fund-raising campaigns other than those authorized under LOI 1385.

3. Any fund-raising activity should be carried out with judiciousness, taking into consideration especially the personal burden and often sacrifice involved in terms not merely of money or material but also of time and energy which could otherwise be profitably used for other worthwhile purposes. Soliciting contributions from or through teachers or school children to support such activities as athletic meets, choral/song/dance contests or festivals and graduation exercises or to provide frills like banners, welcoming delegations, lavish food and entertainments and the like for visiting school officials or dignitaries, is discouraged.

4. In this regard, be reminded that Republic Act No. 4206, as amended by Republic Act No. 5546, entitled "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities," specifically its penal provision, imposes a fine of not less than ₱1,000 but not more than ₱5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one month, or both, at the discretion of the court, for violation of this law.

5. For wide dissemination and strict compliance.

(SGD.) JAIME C. LAYA
Minister

Incl.:
As stated

References:
B.P.S. Circulars: Nos. 4 and 18, s. 1969

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(D.O. 1-76)

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

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(Inclosure to M.C.S Order No. 14, s. 1984)

MALACAÑANG
Manila

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1385

MINIMIZING FUND RAISING CAMPAIGNS DIRECTED AT
SCHOOLTEACHERS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN

To: The Minister of Education, Culture and Sports

Whereas, schoolteachers and schoolchildren are often asked to contribute or to purchase tickets for various causes not directly related to the school system, notwithstanding the limitations placed by law on such campaigns;

Whereas, the educational system needs improvement in terms of teacher compensation, equipment and physical facilities;

Whereas, in recognition of the difficult times, government should help minimize the frequency of fund raising campaigns intended for non-school related causes and which are addressed to schoolteachers and schoolchildren, in order to channel as much of the funds available from these sources towards the improvement of the school system itself:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Law, do hereby Order and Instruct:

1. The participation of school officials and administrators, teachers and students in fund raising campaigns, including the sale of tickets to benefit functions, shall be limited to those undertaken for the direct benefit of individual schools or of the educational system and to those specifically authorized by Law, namely the Red Cross, Anti-Tuberculosis, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts campaigns;

2. Contributions for such fund raising campaigns as may be authorized pursuant to this Letter, including those identified in no. 1 above, shall be on a purely voluntary basis, without any quotas being assigned to schools, teachers or students;

3. The Ministry (Proper), Regional Offices, Schools Divisions, Schools or its other component agencies shall not devote any of their scarce resources in the furtherance of fund raising campaigns other than those authorized under this Letter.

Done, in the City of Manila, this 20th day of February, nineteen hundred and eighty four.

CERTIFIED COPY;

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS

(SGD.) MELQUIADES T. DE LA CRUZ
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