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FURTHER AMENDING MECS ORDER No. 39, s. 1986
(Guidelines for the Purchase of Textbooks and Other
Instructional Materials for the Public Schools)

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Chairman and Members, Textbook Council
General Manager, Instructional Materials Corporation

1. Letter of Instructions No. 1489, "Directing the Design and Implementation of a Program to Ensure a Continuing Supply of Elementary Textbooks," was issued to maintain a continuing Textbook Program even after the World Bank Elementary Education Loan expires in 1988 to provide the public schools with relevant textbooks and other instructional materials.

2. To implement the provisions of aforementioned LOI, MECS Order No. 39, s. 1986 was issued on August 22, 1986. Implementation of this MECS Order, however, has been deferred twice - by MECS Order No. 53, s. 1986 until December 31, 1986 and by DECS Order No. 3, s. 1987 until June 30, 1987.

3. To resolve the implementation of MECS Order No. 39, s. 1986 with utmost consideration of the welfare of our public school children and both the government and the private industry, the following guidelines are hereby issued:

- a. A continuing Textbook Program which has been assumed by the Instructional Materials Corporation (IMC) with funding from the proceeds of a World Bank loan shall be carried over beyond the loan expiration in 1988 through the DECS national budgetary appropriations and/or other foreign assistance for textbooks and instructional materials to maintain the 1:2 book-to-pupil ratio in each subject area per grade in the public schools. In which case, in addition to DECS central office appropriations for the development, production and distribution of instructional materials, ten percent (10%) of the budgetary allotment of each regional office for supplies and materials will be withheld at the