Republika ng Filipinas FAMBANSANG FANGASIWAAN NG PATUBIG (National Irrigation Administration) Lungsod ng Quezon

MC # 52, s. 1972

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO

ALL CHIEFS OF DEPARTMENTS, STAFFS AND DIVISIONS; REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND PROJECT IRRIGATION ENGINEERS; IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS AND/OR OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF SYSTEMS; HEADS OF SPECIAL PROJECTS; CORPORATE AUDITOR; PROJECT, REGIONAL AND FIELD AUDITORS; AND ALL OTHERSCONCERNED National Irrigation Administration

SUBJECT

Increase of the Present Meal Allowance Granted to NIA Employees from P2.00 per unit to P4.00 per unit, effective September 1, 1972.

You are hereby informed that due to the present high cost of living and the restriction on overtime pay except meal allowances contemplated under Memorandum Circular No. 593 from the Office of the President and reiterated by MC # 48, s. 1972 of the undersigned, the present meal allowance granted to NIA employees has been increased from P2.00 per unit to P4.00 per unit effective September 1, 1972 in pursuance to Board Res. No. 1816-72 adopted on September 11, 1972.

Please be guided accordingly.

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Administrator

September 19, 1972

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(OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES)

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DIRECTING STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING RESTRICTIVE POLICIES ON GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES.

In view of the emergency situation obtaining in various parts of the country and for the duration thereof, all heads of departments and chiefs of bureaus and offices, including government-owned or controlled * corporations and local subdivisions, are hereby directed to comply with all policy pronouncements of this Office embodying restrictions on government expenditures.

In this connection, the following guidelines shall be strictly observed:

- 1. No new activities shall be undertaken nor shall there be expansion of on-going activities except those in direct support of relief and rehabilitation.
- 2. Suspension of allotments for those activities which have been adequately provided with funds under the new calamity fund,

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- 3. No filling of vacant positions including those created for Fiscal Year 1973. It is understood that this prohibition shall not apply to those cases enumerated in Memorandum Circular No. 319, series of 1970, as amended by Memorandum Circular No. 328, series of 1970, regarding the prohibition against the filling of vacant positions.
- 4. No release of equipment outlays except those deemed necessary for relief and rehabilitation of damaged areas. The provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 518, series of 1971, suspending the purchase by all government offices of furniture and equipment, including motor vehicles, are hereby reiterated.
- 5. No increase in maintenance and other operating expenses over the Fiscal Year 1972 level of expenditures except when due to increases in the costs of services, supplies and materials.
- 6. No funds shall be provided for government-sponsored seminars or conventions; nor shall expenditure of whatever nature of government funds in connection with attendance in meetings, seminars, workshops, conventions, or the like, sponsored by other organizations be authorized.

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7. No implementation of new special salary laws, including the 5% WAPCO salary adjustment.

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- 8. Suspension of all capital outlays except those directly related to relief and rehabilitation activities and to international commitments.
- 9. No overtime pay. This does not apply to claims for meal allowances duly approved by the Department Heads concerned.
- 10. The Philippines shall not host international conferences unless it is for the purpose of complying with an international commitment of the Philippine Government or unless it would directly redound to the financial benefit of the country.
- 11. Travels abroad for any purpose shall be limited to those where no government expense is involved, except Philippine participation in United Nations conferences and financial meetings, including <u>fellowships</u>, scholarships and training grants involving minimal government expense. Memorandum Circular No. 404, series of 1970, restricting travel abroad is likewise reiterated.
- 12. Imposition of a 5% budgetary reserve on agencies with a total obligation of Pl million and above.

All heads of departments and chiefs of bureaus and offices, including government-owned or controlled corporations and local subdivisions, are enjoined therefore to review their proposed operating budgets and to reprogram available allotments so as to take care of essential functions and other mandatory requirements of their respective agencies. They shall, likewise, immediately review standard operating procedures of their respective offices with the aim of effecting economy in operations and preventing wastage in the use of manpower, equipment and supplies without impairing the efficient performance of their respective functions.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

By authority of the President:

(SGD.) ALEJANDRO MELCHOR Executive Secretary

Manila, August 8, 1972 Gg/ MEMO CIRCULAR NO. 593"/