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(National Irrigation Administration)
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Cebu, Cebu, 6000 Cebu

PC # 79, s. 1972

MEMORANDUM OF ORDER

TO: ALL REGIONAL IRRIGATION ENGINEERS, CHIEFS OF
OPERATIONS DIVISION, IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS,
ZONAL IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS, SUPERVISING
ENGINEERS, AND WATER ENGINEERS
This Agency

SUBJECT: Conversion of Maintenance Activities on Time
Basis into Contractual Basis (Based on the
Accomplishment) in our National Irrigation
Systems

For the purpose of maximizing the utilization of funds
for the operation & maintenance and identify areas of
responsibility in the different areas of activities involved
in the operation & maintenance, you are hereby directed to
submit for the consideration of the undersigned the following:

1. REORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE SYSTEMS AS TO SUCH:

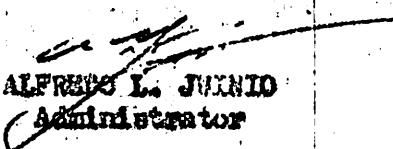
1. Sub-division of the staffing pattern for the operation
and maintenance activities into:
 - (a) Operation and water management and water distribu-
tion activities in the systems;
 - (b) Maintenance and repair activities in the systems;
 - (c) A breakdown of the estimated cost of operation &
maintenance activities into their corresponding
components of:
 - (1) Operation, water management and distribution
cost estimate;
 - (2) Maintenance and repair activities cost estimate.
(This cost estimate shall be based on the
guidelines for the proper maintenance of
irrigation canals indicated in PC # 70,
s. 1972)

The purpose of gathering this information and statistical
data is to segregate the cost of all maintenance and repair
activities in each of the systems for the annual budget period.
Out of this information and cost data, studies will be under-
taken to formulate policies and objectives to modernize our
approaches in the maintenance of irrigation systems to up-date
these activities with the general policies of the administration
under the New Society such as:

- (1) Increase efficiency and effectiveness in the
performance of the irrigation services
- (2) Simplification in the supervision and employment
activities of the Agency;

- (3) Improvement in the farmers' attitude, participation and involvement in establishing the working relationship of farmer beneficiaries with MIA personnel;
- (4) More efficient and effective collection of irrigation fees from the farmers due to the improvement of the service and their involvement in the maintenance of the systems;
- (5) Increase opportunity for the employment of farmer irrigators in the maintenance of the system (farmer irrigators are usually under employed), more of the time during the year;
- (6) Improvement of water distribution and water management due to the segregation of the maintenance and repair activities of the systems;
- (7) Improvement in the overall performance and ultimate long-term cost reduction due to the simplification of MIA's obligations (leaves and retirement benefits).
- (8) It will enable the formulation of the initial program for the transfer of the administration, management and operation & maintenance responsibilities of the irrigation systems from MIA to farmer irrigators' association and/or cooperatives that will be organized in the future.

Because of the urgency of this study, it is hereby directed that the above information, data and proposals be submitted to the undersigned not later than December 31, 1972.


ALFREDO L. JURONIO
Administrator

November 21, 1972
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