Republic of the Philippines

## National Irrigation Administration (OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECT)

Quezon City

## M.C. No. <u>34</u> 5. 1916

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: All Regional Directors and Project Managers This Agency

SUBJECT

Semi-Annual Collection of Data on Unit Cost of Construction Materials, Rental of Equipment, Labor, Concrete and Surface Aggregates and Contract Pay Items

All Regional Directors and Project Managers are hereby directed to undertake every six months, the collection of data concerning the above subject, in the districts and/or projects under them. Data collection shall commence July 1, 1976, and shall be repeated thereafter, during the months of December and June, until six sets of data are collected. Data collection should be completed within a one month period and results should be transmitted as soon as possible, to Mr. Leonardo Miranda, Engineering Director for Special Projects and Chairman, Construction Cost Task Force, in the prescribed formats A,B,C, & D.

The purpose of the semi-annual data collection survey is to establish price levels of construction materials, labor, rental of equipment, concrete and surface aggregates, and contract pay items, and to determine price increases that take place, during every six month period. Data collectors are therefore, advised to refrain from using data (especially for formats A,B and C) from old records of their office, lest the survey may reflect prices of earlier years. The ideal approach would be to effect an actual canvass of all items available in the general locality of the project, to be certain that the data gathered are the current prices during the collection period.

For purpose of clarity, it will be necessary (for the items in format D) to identify figures coming from force account works, regular contract and/or "pacquiao". Figures from special projects, national projects and/or communal projects should also be separated. The ultimate objective of the survey is to provide every regional office (and the district and/or project offices under them) a reliable and accurate compilation of unit prices of the above items and to establish the escalation trend of such prices in every region. With this compilation it is expected that project estimates prepared by NIA shall be more realistic and acceptable to contractors.

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For the guidance of all concerned, a copy of the results of the first survey held last December, is hereto attached.

For compliance.

July 8, 1976

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