TO : ALL POEA EMPLOYEES

Subject : Condition of the POEA Building

We are aware of the anxiety caused by the report of the Engineer's Office of the Mandaluyong Municipality which considered the POEA Building as "dangerous and ruinous".

This has caught us by surprise considering that the initial verbal report immediately after the inspection by the Mandaluyong Engineer's Team indicated that the first to the fifth floors of the building are SAFE. These findings were confirmed by the briefing made by the DPH Team after a separate inspection last Friday, July 20. Both teams however advised us that the sixth floor be vacated due to some cracks it has sustained and be subjected to further testing. We have taken the recommendation and all offices of the sixth floor have been relocated for the safety of everyone.

As there is now a seeming conflict on the initial and the final written report as in the case of the Engineer's Office of the Municipality of Mandaluyong, we have immediately engaged the services of Antonio Gutierrez & Associates, a private structural engineering firm, to conduct a thorough inspection and, where necessary, testing of the POEA structure starting Friday, 27 July.

For the meantime that the aforementioned inspection/tests are being done, we appeal to your understanding and cooperation for the continued delivery of POEA services to our workers and clients. Let it be known that everybody's safety is our primary concern and we are confident that the POEA structure which has been designed for 12 floors, can readily withstand way beyond its present load.

For your information and guidance.

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JNOSER SARMIENTO
Administrator

25 July 1990

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