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SUBJECT: Suspension of Work and Extension
of Contract Time

We have been receiving several recommendations from Project Managers, Regional Directors and District Engineers for suspension of work and/or extension of contract time for one reason or another.

In the preparation of bidding documents and computation of contract time for any project, the topography and weather conditions of the region and the prevalence of typhoons thereat have been considered; and sufficient allowances for these factors have been provided in the contract period of the project. This being the case, requests for suspension of contract time or suspension of work due to unfavorable weather conditions shall no longer be entertained.

Pursuant to the provisions of CI 9 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of P.D. 1594, work in the project may be suspended wholly or partly by written order for such period as may be deemed necessary only for causes attributable to the fault or negligence of the contractor, like failure on the part of the contractor to correct bad conditions which are unsafe for workers or for the general public, or to carry out valid orders given by the government, or to perform any provision of the contract.

In cases where, due to supervening factors or causes which could not have been reasonably foreseen and/or are beyond the control of both parties and without fault or negligence on their part, progress of work is unreasonably delayed or the contractor is prevented from performing activities along the critical path of PERT/CPM network, reasonable extension of contract time may be allowed, subject to the requirements of CI 10 of the IRR of P.D. 1594.

Henceforth, no extension of contract time shall be granted due to ordinary and unfavorable weather conditions; non-availability of equipment, supplies or materials to be furnished by the contractor; or other causes for which the government is not directly responsible.

This order shall take effect immediately.

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Minister

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