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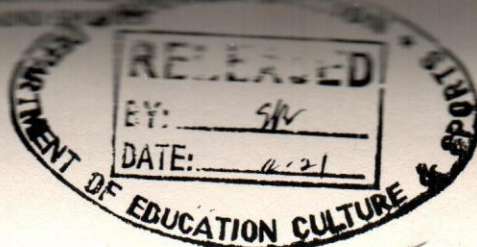
Please find the attached APPEAL from the Secretary
of Education, Culture and Sports, the Honorable Sec. Isidro
D. Cariño, for information, guidance and compliance.

R. Villanueva
for M. R. VILLANUEVA
President

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AN APPEAL

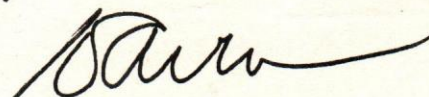


The conflict that has plagued the VISAYAS STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE (VISCA) for almost three years has indeed wrought so much pain and damage to all parties concerned.

As we are still studying the possible solutions to the present controversies, this Office appeals to all concerned not to pursue this aggressive stance. Instead, I ask that you give peace a chance to prevail and help me seek a solution agreeable to all parties concerned.

I ask all of you to extend a hand of understanding to each other. To those who seek for the ouster of your President, I request that you give this man his "day in court". I am sure that you are aware that while you do have rights and freedom to protest against those whom you believe are not worthy of your trust, persons accused have similar rights and freedom too. I therefore appeal to you to be generous and compassionate in your fight for justice lest in our haste to arrive at a solution, we become unfair and unjust. Freedom to protest is not an absolute right. It carries with it a sense of responsibility to protect the good name of the innocent and to have the courage to accuse the guilty. Until we are able to have a good basis for indicting the guilty, I hope that harmony rather than conflict will guide us in all our actions.

I appeal to you to give me the necessary time to resolve this conflict to the best of my ability.


ISIDRO D. CARIÑO
Secretary

February 19, 1990
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