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TO: The Secretary of Trade
The Chairman, Price Control Council

In view of innumerable complaints that the prices of drugs and medicines not covered by price ceilings of the Price Control Council have risen and become intolerable to the consuming public, and after finding that these price increases, particularly in the case of hospitals, are brought about substantially by the trading of these vital commodities through intermediary distributors/wholesalers who necessarily have to make their commissions, you are hereby directed to immediately implement my earlier verbal instructions that the sale of drugs and medicines by pharmaceutical manufacturers/importers be made direct to hospitals and medical clinics at manufacturers/importers' prices heretofore charged to distributors/wholesalers.

No pharmaceutical manufacturers or importers, however, shall directly sell to hospitals and medical clinics any drug or medicine without first securing from the Price Control Council a certificate attesting to the reasonableness of the prices of the drugs and medicines being offered for sale.

Done an the City of Manila this 5th day of September, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

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