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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 The Honorable H. E. Pearce, Jr.
Member
House of Representatives
2800 N. Ocean Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Dear Representative Pearce:

Thank you for your letter of July 18, 1983. In your letter you request clarification of my letter of July 11, 1983, to Representative Elliott regarding the authority of the Horry County Delegation to create a 'Blue Ribbon' Committee to study the Horry County school system. You note that, as you understand it, the 'Blue Ribbon' Committee was 'to be a fact finding body, and at the conclusion of their study of the school system, would then report back to the Horry Delegation and be disbanded'.

Please be advised that when Representative Elliott requested an opinion concerning this matter, I inquired as to whether there existed a specific ordinance or other proposal which this office might examine so that we might have all the pertinent information before us. At that time, Representative Elliott stated that he was not aware that any written proposal had been formally prepared or existed. Thus, an opinion was issued based upon the assumption that the Committee would exercise sovereign powers.

Before any further opinion is rendered on this matter, we would request and greatly appreciate for review a copy of any written proposal which entails the specific powers of the Committee. As I am sure you can understand, to further comment upon the authority of such a Committee without the benefit of a specific proposal to review might well create more confusion than it would solve.

I hope you understand the position of this office and your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Cook
Executive Assistant for Opinions

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