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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

January 8, 1982

*1 The Honorable Daniel McLeod
Attorney General
Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. McLeod:

At a joint meeting of the CHE Committee on Academic Affairs and the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan the staff was requested to seek an Attorney General's opinion on the following:

- (1) Is the definition of 'other race students' in the State Desegregation Plan consistent with law;
- (2) Does the 'moral commitment' statement on page 2 of the Advisory Committee's Report (copy enclosed) meet the last requirement of the following Desegregation Plan statement:
'In the design of the scholarship program, strict eligibility criteria will be established (e.g., high class standing, State residency, and a commitment to stay and work in South Carolina for a specific period of time) . . .' (See page 43 of the State Desegregation Plan); and
- (3) Is it legal to require a student to sign a statement accepting a moral commitment?

The two committees are scheduled to meet again on January 15 at 10:00 a.m. to continue consideration of the Advisory Committee's report. Consequently, we hope that you may find it possible to respond to this letter by Thursday, January 14, 1982.

Thank you for assisting us with this matter. Please call if you wish additional information.

Sincerely,

Howard R. Boozer

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