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## Dear Marion:

Please accept my apologies in the delay in replying to your letter of May 19, 1982, concerning equipment purchased under the Consortium of Community Hospitals Program. Under that program equipment has been purchased over the last fifteen years from funds provided by the Legislature and designated for specific community hospitals. The hospitals actually purchased the equipment and has been used and controlled by them. This equipment is reflected on the property inventory of the Medical University for the reason that the funding for the purchase was accomplished by appropriations to the Medical University, although MUSC has never at any time had physical possession of the equipment.

It is the opinion of this Office that the Medical University was simply acting as a funding conduity at the direction of the General Assembly and that it has no legal responsibility to maintain this equipment on its property inventory. Title to the equipment should properly be transferred to the community hospitals, and the equipment removed from your inventory list. We have discussed this matter with Mr. Edgar A. Vaughn, the State Auditor, who concurs in this opinion. Sincerely,

Frank K. Sloan Deputy Attorney General

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