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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina January 25, 1980

*1 Re: John D. (Jack) Wellman

Honorable Tom Turnipseed Member South Carolina Senate Post Office Box 142 Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Tom:

You have asked my opinion as to whether membership upon the Merit Selection Panel by Mr. Wellman would be in violation of the dual officeholding provision of the Constitution in view of the fact that Mr. Wellman is presently a member of the State Development Board.

In my opinion, a violation would not ensue from such an appointment, as the position of member of the Merit Selection Panel is not an office within the meaning of the constitutional provision. A copy of an opinion dated January 23, 1980, which covers my view of the question, is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod Attorney General

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