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Dear Mr. Moore:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the Attorney General has been referred to me for consideration and reply.

You have posed several questions with reference to the County Department and its relationship to the State Department and the people of Richland County. I enclose copy of Section 71-1 through Section 71-41, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1962), as amended, to which sections I will refer in an endeavor to answer some of your questions as the duties, powers and authority of the County Department vis a vis the State Department.

Q. Who controls the regular business affairs of the County Department of Social Services?

A. See Sections 71-34, 71-36, 71-9, 71-37, 71-38, 71-39, 71-40, 71-41.

Q. Who is responsible for the establishment and implementation of Department policies?

A. See Sections 71-8, 71-9, 71-34.

Q. To whom is the County Director ultimately responsible?

A. See Section 71-34.

Q. What is the Board's responsibility to the people of Richland County?

A. See generally Section 71-36.

I trust that the enclosed will be of assistance. I might add that the Social Security Act requires that a state plan requires a single state agency to administer or supervise the administration of the 'welfare assistance programs' on a statewide basis, including the authority to make rules and regulations governing the administration of the plan by the single state agency or rules and regulations that are binding on the political subdivisions where the plan is administered by them, South Carolina chose the latter.

Very truly yours,

Raymond G. Halford  
Assistant Attorney General

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