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\*1 Oscar P. Butler, Jr.  
President  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
South Carolina State College  
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Butler:

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 1974, reading as follows:

‘The Orangeburg Branch of NAACP would appreciate your providing us with the legality of ‘Voter Registration by Mail’ as the laws governing voter registration are presently constituted.

‘As you may know our concern is, whether or not voter registration by mail is legal under our present laws.’

In reply, I advise that registration by mail is not permitted under present laws, although efforts are being made in the General Assembly at the present time to devise a procedure of this type by statutory enactment. Present law requires that the application be executed and delivered to a member of the Board of Registration or a deputy thereof. The registration card or certificate is required to be signed also in the presence of a member of the Board of Registration or a deputy thereof. The Board of Registration is authorized to conduct registration at locations outside of the central registration office. Deputy registrars are also empowered to register voters in locations in the county outside of the county seat; however, the statutes require that notice thereof be given by publication prior to the date of undertaking registration, setting forth the times and places.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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