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Dear Joe:

This letter is to confirm a conversation I had with your secretary yesterday to the effect that the Attorney General's Office would represent the Commissioners of Election for Charleston County in the pending Snyder case. I am preparing an answer in said case and will contact you before the end of the week since it will need to be verified.

Furthermore, an answer to your request for an opinion on the legality of reimbursement for salary for the Charleston Election Commissioners beyond that provided for in Section 23-601, Code of Laws of South Carolina. I am of the opinion that any additional compensation for expenses or salary for the Commissioners themselves is totally up to the County Council there in Charleston. More specifically, the Commission cannot vote itself, as a part of its budget, expenditures for its wages, expenses, or salary, in addition to that already provided in Section 21-601. The County Council, however, may in its discretion provide for additional compensation beyond that provided in Section 23-601.

Feel free to contact me for any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Hardwick Stuart, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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