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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. J. B. Bradley
Farmers and Merchants Bank of South Carolina
Moncks Corner, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bradley:

I regret very much that I have not heretofore answered your letters of July 19 and October 18. The former letter was not logged in, in accordance with usual procedures in effect in this Office, and I am extremely sorry for this regrettable inadvertence.

Your letters inquire if a municipal government may give the taxpayers' money to an individual, such as a doctor, lawyer, etc., to entice him to settle within the jurisdiction of the municipality for the purpose of practicing his profession.

I do not think that such an expenditure of public funds is for a valid public purpose. I have discussed this with the Town Attorney for Moncks Corner, who states that he has previously so advised the Town Council, and I am in agreement with his conclusions. It is difficult to ascertain with preciseness when a valid public purpose exists for which public funds may be expended and, in my opinion, the question you raise is one which must initially be validated by State legislation in accordance with the conclusion expressed in the memorandum attached hereto.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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