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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: Request for Personnel Records**

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Dear Mr. Hyman:

In reference to your letter of October 9, 1980, please find enclosed three opinions concerning the release of public employees' personnel files which, I hope, may be of assistance to you. In your letter, you indicated that the NAACP was seeking the educational qualifications of personnel filling positions in county employment. The educational requirements set out, or defined by the county government as being prerequisite to employment in a given position, would be a matter of public record. However, the scholastic record or educational achievement attained by an individual occupying that position would not be a matter of public record as stated in the opinion of this office dated August 11, 1978: '. . . The State of South Carolina and its political subdivisions should release only the employees' grade, job description and salary schedule for the particular classification, including longevity steps, where applicable upon request under the Freedom of Information Act. Any further disclosure could come only if the employee authorized the release or if a court of competent jurisdiction orders such disclosure.'

I hope these comments will be of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to call upon me in the future.

Sincerely,

Judith Evans Finuf
Assistant Attorney General

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