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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

June 6, 1978

**\*1 In Re: New Homemakers Camp Orangeburg County**

Honorable John G. Felder  
Member  
House of Representatives  
U.S. 601 North  
St. Matthews, South Carolina 29135

Dear Mr. Felder:

I am enclosing herewith a letter dated July 13, 1977, concerning the above property.

You will note that it is subject to a reversionary interest vested in the United States, which was the grantor of the property to J. H. Hope, as State Superintendent of Education. On the date of the letter a bill was pending in the United States Congress, or anticipated to be introduced, which would allow the United States to convey its reversionary interest to the State. I am not apprised of the status of this potential legislation which, if enacted, would vest fee simple title in the State.

Mr. Kaminski, Assistant Attorney General, has worked closely with the Department of Education on this matter and is aware of no further developments concerning the property. I believe that the most appropriate solution to the problem would be to secure the extinguishment of the reversionary interest in the United States, with subsequent disposition being made of the property in whatever manner the State Department of Education might be disposed to follow. I would think also that it would be agreeable to State and local interests that the United States retain all gas, coal, oil and other mineral and mining rights in the land. This approach might serve as an added inducement if needed for the abandonment of the reversionary interest by the United States.

With best wishes,  
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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