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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 RE: Traffic regulations, temporary closing of streets at John de la Howe School, etc.**

Mr. L. S. Brice
Superintendent
John de la Howe School
McCormick, South Carolina 29835

Dear Mr. Brice:

This is in reply to your letter of August 29, 1978 and a follow-up to my telephone conversation with you on September 5, 1978.

Enclosed is copy of [§ 56-21-10, et seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina \(1976\)](#), which authorizes boards of state institutions to employ security personnel and to promulgate traffic regulations as may be deemed necessary. You advised me during our conversation that the John de la Howe School is without security personnel at the present time; and of course security personnel would be essential to the enforcement of any promulgated traffic regulations under the authority of the statutory provisions.

On the question as to whether or not the School has any authority to block off any road after 5:00 P.M., I enclose copy of 1978 Opinion of Attorney General (July 5, 1978) with reference to this matter.

The South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation is still trying to locate for me a map showing the location of all roads on the John de la Howe School property and specifically those that are in the highway system or those which are maintained by the Department.

In your letter you raised a question as to whether or not your employees would have the authority to stop a vehicle on campus to get information or to detain a vehicle until law enforcement officers are called. I repeat the advice I gave you on September 5, 1978 that your employees do not have the authority to stop a vehicle on campus after 5:00 P.M. to get information or to detain a vehicle until law enforcement officers are called. This authority would vest in a security officer and not a regular employee of the School.

I also enclose for your information, if you wish to present the same to your board, a copy of the traffic regulations of the Department of Mental Health, which may be of some guide if the board wishes to consider the employment of sufficient numbers of security personnel so that appropriate traffic regulations can be implemented.

With my best regards,
Very truly yours,

Raymond G. Halford
Deputy Attorney General

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