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Office of the Attorney General  
State of South Carolina  
April 23, 1974

**\*1 Re: State Forest Ranger J. Edward Bankhead Chester, South Carolina**

John R. Tiller  
State Forester  
South Carolina State Commission of Forestry  
Post Office Box 287  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. Tiller:

This office has been asked to determine if the above named employee is in violation of the published personnel policies of the Commission of Forestry and the Hatch Act of the United States Code of Laws.

This opinion is based on unverified information furnished this office as follows:  
Mr. Bankhead is a member of the Chester County School Board.

Mr. Bankhead is a member of the Chester County Democratic Executive Committee.

Mr. Bankhead is a member of the Democratic Executive Council of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Bankhead is also involved in general political activities.

The Commission of Forestry has adopted Personnel Policy #200 which specifically prohibits any political activity by their employees. In view of the above information, it is the opinion of this office that Mr. Bankhead is apparently in violation of Personnel Policy #200.

This office is without sufficient information to render an opinion on Mr. Bankhead's activities as they relate to the Hatch Act. The Hatch Act is interpreted and enforced by the United States Civil Service Commission. Any question concerning Mr. Bankhead's activities in regard to the Hatch Act will necessarily have to be determined by the Civil Service Commission.

The above information is offered for consideration in any policy decision concerning Mr. Bankhead.

Sincerely,

A. Camden Lewis  
Assistant Attorney General

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