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Office of the Attorney General  
State of South Carolina  
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**\*1 Re: Civil Air Patrol.**

John Hamilton  
Director  
S. C. Aeronautics Commission  
Columbia Metropolitan Airport  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

This Office has been requested by the State Treasurer, Grady L. Patterson to advise you on the issue of whether the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission in accordance with the applicable law can validly assume the payments coming due on aircraft purchased by the South Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. It is apparent that under the existing law you have the authority to fund continuing obligations of the Civil Air Patrol, and accordingly it is apparent that these air craft purchases, and the payments for such purchases, should be construed as a continuing obligation.

It is therefore concluded that you as Director of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, do have the authority to authorize the continued payments for these airplanes.

In view of the necessity for a speedy determination of this matter, I have not rendered a formal opinion, and have not discussed the other pertinent matters of the Civil Air Patrol. I will forward you a more definitive opinion at a later date, however in the meantime this should constitute legal authority for your authorization of the payments for the airplanes in question.

Very truly yours,

Timothy G. Quinn  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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