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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 RE: Licensing of the Latter Day Saints Social Services Corporation**

Dr. R. Archie Ellis
Commissioner
Department of Social Services
Post Office Box 1520
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Dr. Ellis:

In reply to your letter of September 12, 1974, regarding the procedures to be followed as to a foster care and adoption program for South Carolina by the Latter Day Saints Social Services Corporation of Georgia, it is the opinion of this office that the Department of Social Services cannot license such a 'program' until it meets the requirements of South Carolina law.

The burden is placed on the Latter Day Saints Social Services Corporation to meet the requirements of South Carolina law and it cannot be licensed until these requirements are met. If Mr. Marshall wishes to provide these services in South Carolina, he would be well advised to consult with private counsel to insure compliance with the applicable laws.

The fact that the corporation may wish to provide services only to church members until qualified to do business in South Carolina, and has complied with all applicable statutory rules and regulations, governing foster home facilities, adoption agencies, child welfare agencies, etc., would make no difference.

Very truly yours,

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