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Frank A. Farrington, Deputy Attorney General
The Office of Defense, Health and Welfare Services

I am in receipt of your memo of January 8th, addressed to the Attorney General, dealing with the above subject.

In reply thereto, I am glad to advise you that it is the opinion of this department that; (1) the President's allotment of funds to the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services falls within the meaning of the last paragraph of Executive Order # 20, which reads as follows:

"Commissioner of Education is hereby authorized to file application for grants or contributions under the provisions of the Lanham Act recently passed by Congress or any other similar Federal act dealing with the subject matter of these rules and regulations, and to receive and disburse such aid to schools as may be forthcoming."

2. The Executive Order permits the funds to be handled in the manner set up under paragraph #2 of your memorandum, namely, the funds may be sent directly to the State Treasurer and an account set up on which the Commissioner of Education may draw for the salary and travel expense of personnel.

Deputy Attorney General

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