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To: Charles Caldwell, Jr., Deputy Director, Civil Defense and Public
Safety
Re: Federal Surplus Property for Civil Defense Purposes

Enclosed you will find a copy of a memorandum to Kermit S. Nickerson, Deputy Commissioner of Education, in regard to this program.

It is our feeling that a single State agency should deal with the Federal Government. Thereafter the property will be distributed to your agency, which in turn will distribute it to the local agencies ~~whenever~~ as need arises.

In regard to your proposed request to us to review the authorization to the Director, we would not recommend the first paragraph thereof, as you will be receiving from the State Department of Education any materials from the Federal Government.

We find that in Section 3 of Chapter 434 of the Public Laws of 1955, the State Director, for purposes of Civil Defense and Public Safety, and subject to the approval of the Governor, may convey equipment, supplies and funds by way of sale, lease or grant to any political subdivision of the State, such conveyance to be subject to the terms of the offer and the rules and regulations, if any, imposed by the State. Under this law we would recommend that you seek approval from the Governor to convey any materials received under the surplus property program to local political subdivisions for the purposes of Civil Defense and Public Safety.

Roger A. Putnam
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Deputy Commissioner of Education