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MEMORANDA FROM COMMISSIONER HOWE TO CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE,
OFFICE OF EDUCATION,
Washington, D.C., April 15, 1966.

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief State School Officers.
From: Harold Howe II, U.S. Commissioner of Education.
Subject: Title VI Guidelines.

Several chief State school officers have inquired about the approval of Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I projects for school districts which have not submitted 441-B compliance forms by April 15.

This letter is your authorization to continue approvals under Title I until May 6, at which time any commitment of new Federal funds will be subject to deferral. We shall take a similar position in regard to various programs for which we approve funds in this Office. We will be in further communication with you.

This extension has been arranged to give school districts time to complete their compliance arrangements. I hope that it is helpful.

Within the next few days we shall be notifying school districts in your State which have not filed the appropriate documents for compliance about the forms and information which are still necessary. In the meantime, I hope that you will encourage superintendents to proceed with compliance procedures as rapidly as possible.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE,
OFFICE OF EDUCATION,
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1966.

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To: Title I Coordinators, ESEA.
From: John F. Hughes, Director, Division of Program Operations.
Subject: Compliance with the Civil Rights Act with Respect to the Projects to be filed for Fiscal Year 1967 under Title I.

As stated in the Revised Statement of Policies for School Desegregation Plans under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, local educational agencies whose voluntary desegregation plans have been accepted by the Commissioner may continue their status as applicants in compliance by filing Form HEW 441-B.

Grants based on project applications filed for 1967 may be approved for all applicants who have established compliance as soon as funds are available. Any subsequent action that the Commissioner may take, prior to the effective date of a final order, will not affect the continuation of a previously approved project. However, any review or investigation disclosing that the applicant may not be in compliance could, of course, result in a notification by the U.S. Commissioner of Education to defer any new commitments of funds which would otherwise be approved for an applicant under Title I.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE,
OFFICE OF EDUCATION,
Washington, D.C., July 1, 1966.

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief State School Officers.
From: Harold Howe II, U.S. Commissioner of Education.
Subject: Responsibilities of State Education Agencies in Assuring Compliance for State Approved Projects.

Recently a number of State departments of education have raised questions concerning their responsibility for assuring compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Several State systems have objected that their agencies are not enforcement agencies and have no responsibility to assure that federally assisted programs funded through their agency are in compliance with the Act.