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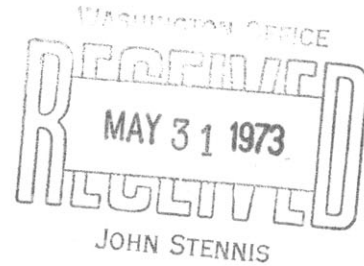
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

MAY 30 1973



Honorable John C. Stennis  
United State Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stennis:

For your information, I am enclosing copies of my letter to Mr. Sharp W. Banks, Superintendent, Warren County School System, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

As you will note, under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 the deferral of Federal funds for certain new programs is imposed.

We regret that this action is necessary, and assure you that we will assist the school officials in any way possible.

If you have further questions in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Peter E. Holmes  
Director  
Office for Civil Rights

Enclosure



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

May 24, 1973

Mr. Sharp W. Banks, Jr. Superintendent  
Warren County School System  
Department of Education  
Warren County  
P. O. Box # 351  
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180

Dear Superintendent Banks:

This is in further reference to my letter of April 17, 1973, in which I advised you that your present desegregation plan and the plan that you submitted on April 4 were not adequate to meet the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In that letter, I granted you an additional 20-day period for the adoption and submission of an acceptable plan before imposing a deferral.

In view of the fact that you have not submitted such a plan, I am today notifying you that final approval of any application filed with this Department for Federal funds for new programs and activities is hereby ordered deferred. Your state education agency is also being notified that commitments of Federal financial assistance for all new activities are likewise to be deferred. These deferrals will remain in effect for not more than 90 days pending the completion of the administrative hearing, if a hearing is requested, and the rendering of an initial decision, unless the time period is extended by mutual agreement.

In accordance with the Coordinated Enforcement Procedures for Elementary and Secondary Schools under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, issued by the U.S. Department of Justice, each Federal agency extending assistance to schools will be notified of this action.

My staff is still willing to extend any further assistance to your school system which would aid in your efforts to comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you wish to discuss the possibility of coming into compliance or reopening negotiations, please feel free to contact Dr. Lloyd R. Henderson, Director, Elementary and Secondary Education Division, or me. His telephone number is Area Code 202 962-0868; my number is Area Code 202 963-5047.

Sincerely yours,

Peter E. Holmes

Director

Office for Civil Rights