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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)

My name is Rall E. Grigsby, I am an Assistant Commissioner and the Director of the Division of School Assistance in Federally Affected Areas in the Office of Education, United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.. As such, I am responsible for administering federal financial aid for school construction and for maintenance and operation to eligible school districts under Public Laws 815 and 874 (81st Congress), as amended. In my official capacity I have custody and control of all the records, forms, applications for financial assistance, and project approval summary forms pertaining to applications for and approval of federal financial assistance under Public Laws 815 and 874 for the Columbus Municipal Separate School District, Columbus, Mississippi.

These records disclose that the Commissioner of Education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has paid \$820,334.00 to the Columbus Municipal Separate School District under Public Law 874 for the fiscal years 1954 through 1963 for the current operating expenses of the District's schools following application by the District for such funds. These records also disclose that the Commissioner of Education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has, during the period from 1958 to the present time, approved grants in the total amount of \$939,875.87 to the Columbus Municipal Separate School District under Public Law 815 for the construction of school facilities. Of this amount, \$932,863.87 has actually been paid to the District up to the present time.

These federal payments have been made on account of the education by the District of children who reside on Columbus Air

Force Base with a parent stationed or employed on the Base or who reside without the Base with a parent stationed or employed on the Base.

Of the total amount of \$932,363.87 paid to date by the Commissioner of Education to the District under Public Law 815, \$387,093.83 has been paid for the construction of and additions to Brandon Elementary School located six and one-half miles from Columbus Air Force Base. This elementary school has been used since its construction primarily for the education of children of personnel at Columbus Air Force Base. In an application of November 12, 1957 for aid under Public Law 815 to construct Brandon Elementary School, the District stated, "The proposed elementary school will furnish needed class rooms to house a majority of federally connected children who could not otherwise be properly housed."

The federal payments for children who reside on Columbus Air Force Base have been made in reliance on a resolution adopted on November 12, 1957 by the Columbus Municipal Separate School District. In this resolution the Board undertakes to make its schools available to children who reside on the Base "in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, as the school facilities are available to other children in the Columbus Municipal Separate School District. . ." until August 31, 1978. This resolution was set forth in an application submitted by the District on November 5, 1958 for federal funds under Public Law 815.

In each of its applications submitted to the Commissioner of Education for federal funds under Public Law 815, the District, as required by that statute, has made the following assurance:

"The Applicant's school facilities will be available to the children for whose education contributions are provided in Public Law 815,

as amended, on the same terms, in accordance with the laws of the State in which applicant is situated, as they are available to other children in applicant's school district."

The payment of federal funds under Public Law 815 by the Commissioner of Education to the District has been made in reliance on the foregoing assurance.

Rall I. Grigsby

Subscribed and Sworn to before
me this 28th day of August,
1963.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: