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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

This will reply to your letter of August 14, 1968 in which you submitted to the Attorney General, pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Rules of the State Election Board adopted on July 17, 1968, and to your letter of August 22, 1968 in which you further discussed certain objections to the Georgia Election Code and the Georgia Municipal Election Code made by the Attorney General, pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, in my letters to you dated June 19, 1968, July 11, 1968 and August 19, 1968.

Section 183-6-.01 of the Rules of the State Election Board refers to Section 34-609 of the Georgia Election Code. Similar references were objected to by the Attorney General, as outlined in my letters to you of July 11 and August 19, 1968, as being unlawful requirements to voting, e.g. test or device. The Attorney General must object, therefore, to the subject reference on the same basis.

In your letter of August 22, 1968, you stated that you were prepared to advise election officials of the State of Georgia that, inter alia, one person could assist ten other persons in voting in any primary or general election. Also that the provisions of the Georgia Election Code and the Georgia Municipal Election Code that were objected to by the Attorney General had been suspended.

This action is satisfactory with the Attorney General, and I agree with you that this should be done before the primary election scheduled for September 11, 1968.

It has come to my attention that the Georgia Secretary of State, Mr. Ben W. Fortson, Jr., has published a pamphlet entitled "Handbook for Georgia Election Officials for Use in Paper Ballot Districts." This handbook allegedly contains a reference to Section 34-1317(b) of the Georgia Election Code which provides that no person shall assist more than five other persons in voting in a primary or general election. I am sure that you will want to make reference to the subject handbook and the change in that section of the Georgia Election Code in your proposed advice to the election officials of the state concerning those provisions of the Georgia Election Code and the Georgia Municipal Election Code that have been suspended.

I would appreciate it very much if you would furnish me with a copy of all correspondence from you to the Georgia election officials concerning the matters discussed in this letter.

Sincerely,

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