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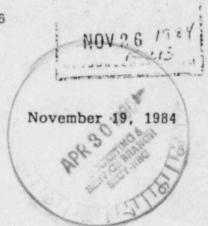
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## SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Ms. Rita C. Banning Montgomery County Commissioner Norristown, PA 19401

Dear Commissioner Banning:

Your letter of November 15, 1984 refers to an agreement between this school district and the county to provide buses, vans and other vehicles and drivers for the evacuation of Montgomery County school children. I am unaware of the existence of such an agreement. If such an agreement has been executed and is on file, I suspect that it exists without proper authorization.

The school to which school district-owned vehicles are identified as having been assigned is a district facility. Certainly, you may reasonably anticipate that with or without an agreement we would plan to use district-owned facilities to implement an evacuation plan. The issue of whether drivers will assume responsibilities, contractual or otherwise, in the event of an emergency is not resolved with any degree of certainty.

A contract form was submitted to my office several months ago which indicated that the school district would provide access to drivers and vehicles to the extent of its ability. I declined to execute the agreement because it did not appear to establish any useful or dependable obligations on behalf of either party. I do not wish to give you the impression that the district would not look favorably on comitting its facilities for general evacuation purposes after the needs of the school population have been adequately addressed. However, it is quite likely beyond the authority of the school district to make a similar commitment on behalf of the personnel who are regularly employed to drive district vans for district purposes.

I trust that this communication addresses the concerns set forth in your letter. If this is not the case, please contact me (489-1666) at your earthcut commission convenience. 50-352-OL LEA E-25

Sincerely yours,

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William A. Welliver, Ed.D. Superintendent

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