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Honorable James C. Kirkpatrick  
Secretary of State  
Capitol Building  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

This letter is in response to your request for a legal opinion as to whether or not you may issue patents to the purchasers of school lands as provided by former Chapter 166, RSMo 1959.

Sections 166.130 and 166.140, RSMo 1959 provided the procedure to be followed by the Secretary of State of Missouri in issuing patents to the purchasers of school lands upon receipt of a statement showing payment of the purchase price. Chapter 166, RSMo 1959 was repealed by Laws of 1963, page 200, and no new sections have been enacted with the same or similar provisions of former Sections 166.130 and 166.140, RSMo 1959.

In the absence of any present Missouri statutes providing that he shall do so, the Secretary of State of Missouri is unauthorized to issue patents to the purchasers of school lands.

Yours very truly,

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