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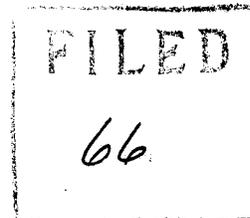
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DIRECT DIAL:

OPINION LETTER NO. 66-84

Dr. Arthur L. Mallory
Commissioner of Education
State Board of Education
P. O. Box 480
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102



Dear Dr. Mallory:

At your request, we have reviewed the Department's fiscal year 1985 Application for Federal Assistance under Title 1 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act of 1981, for the provision of educational services to educationally deprived children of migratory agricultural workers and fishermen.

We have considered relevant provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, including the regulations thereunder, as well as Art. III, § 38(a), Mo. Const. (1945), and § 161.092, RSMo Supp. 1983.

This letter constitutes our official certification that the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has the authority under state law to perform the duties and functions of a "state educational agency" as defined in Title I of P.L. 89-10, as amended (20 U.S.C. § 244(7)), including those arising from the assurances set forth in the application.

Very truly yours,

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