

July 7, 1967

Honorable Ben C. Connally  
Chief Judge of the United States  
District Court for the  
Southern District of  
Texas  
Houston, Texas 77061

Re: Ross v. Eckels (C.A. No. 10444)

Dear Judge Connally:

We have been advised by the Clerk of the Court that on June 28, 1967, a motion captioned "Motion to Expedite Hearing" was filed by the plaintiffs in Ross v. Eckles (C.A. No. 10444). In that motion, plaintiffs asked for an early hearing on their Motion for Further Relief and as grounds stated that any delay in holding that hearing might render ineffective any relief to which they might show themselves to be entitled for the coming school year. In light of this development and the fact that the motion of the United States for supplemental relief also seeks to bring the order of this Court in accord with current judicial standards, we respectfully request a prompt ruling on the motion of the United States to intervene.

Respectfully yours,

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