

May 22, 1968

OMF:Jaw
169-74-4

Mr. Joe H. Reynolds
1343 Tennessee Building
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: Ross v. Eckels
C. A. 10444

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of May 16, 1968.

As I indicated to you in that conversation, I would be pleased to confer with you and the Superintendent in Washington. While we discussed either May 29, 1968 or May 30, 1968 as possible dates for such a meeting, I presume that the former date would be preferable since the latter is a legal holiday. Accordingly, I am expecting to meet with you on May 29, 1968, in my office in the Department of Justice (Room 1613) at whatever time is convenient to you. It is my understanding that a Mr. Frank Yeager, who is assisting the School District in formulating desegregation plans, will also be present at the meeting.

In our telephone conversation, we did not discuss whether you wish to have counsel for plaintiffs at this meeting at the end of the month. In light of plaintiffs' motion for supplemental relief that is now pending before the Court I think it appropriate that counsel for plaintiffs be present.

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I am sure the meeting will be much more productive if all counsel are present. However, I will leave it to your judgment to decide whether you wish to have counsel for plaintiffs present since you requested this particular meeting and if you do, to extend an invitation to them.

The other matter we discussed in our telephone conversation concerned the date upon which we requested to be advised of the plans formulated and adopted by the School Board to bring its performance into compliance with constitutional requirements. In our letter of May 6, 1968 we asked to be so advised by June 1, 1968. We set this date so that there would be adequate time for us to evaluate these plans and so that some of these plans could be instituted prior to the opening of the 1968-1969 school year with a minimum of administrative inconvenience. But in light of the meeting scheduled of May 29, 1968 and the complexities you advised were involved in formulating such plans, we would be agreeable to extending the June 1st date to June 12, 1968. I trust, however, that this change of dates will not be misunderstood; we still believe that these plans should be promptly formulated and fully considered now so that we can be advised in writing by June 12th.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this matter and Mr. Top and I look forward to seeing you on May 29th.

Sincerely,

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