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FRED E. FRIEND
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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

The Honorable Milton P. Rice Attorney General State of Tennessee Supreme Court Building Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Dear General Rice:

Thank you for your letter of June 11, 1974, designating Mr. Bart Durham as the Assistant Attorney General who will attend to the interests of the Department of Public Welfare in all matters needing the services of your office.

I have become exceptionally well acquainted with Mr. Durham in the course of several Federal litigations and have found him to be most cooperative, thorough, and effective in our behalf. Also, Mr. Durham enjoys a very fine working relationship with Mr. Aubrey Blankenship, General Counsel to this Department.

I thank you for designating Mr. Durham as our continued contact in your office. We certainly anticipate a most cordial working relationship with you and Mr. Durham in the course of our business.

Having been much involved in legal matters during my term as Commissioner, I am very grateful for a General Counsel of the caliber of Mr. Blankenship and a cooperating member of your staff in the person of Mr. Durham. The Honorable Milton P. Rice Page 2 June 17, 1974

Whenever this Department can be of any assistance to you in any way, I trust that you will feel free to let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Fred E. Friend Commissioner

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