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February 1, 1991

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Re: Department of Education - Quaker Chemical Purchases

Dear George:

The Procurement Review Panel has considered the Department of Education's request that the Panel look into purchases made by the Department from Quaker Chemical Company. As you know, the allegations surrounding these purchases primarily concern the alleged appearance of impropriety raised by the Department's Director of Transportation's marriage to the owner of Quaker Chemical. There are also allegations concerning the Department's practice of using specifications copied from one vendor's literature.

The Panel asked the Division of General Services to assist it in reviewing this matter and General Services issued its report to the Panel on November 2, 1990. The Panel has now considered both General Service's report and the Department's December 6 response.

The Panel finds that the measures recommended by General Services are adequate to address the improper use of one vendor's specifications in purchasing materials. Therefore, the Panel directs the Department to consult with General Services regarding its recommendations and to implement those measures which General Services requires. For your convenience, a copy of General Services' report is attached hereto.

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The alleged appearance of impropriety based on the relationship of the Department's Director of Transportation to the owner of Quaker is an ethics matter beyond the jurisdiction of the Panel.

Please contact the Panel's attorney if you need any further explanation.

Very truly yours,

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