

June 18, 1965

President Julian A. McPhee
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Dear President McPhee:

We have completed our work in advising Commissioner Keppel concerning steps he might take in better equipping the Office of Education to undertake its rapidly increasing responsibilities.

With respect to that part of our work which related to organization, we devoted considerable attention to the field of vocational education. We concluded that the importance of this area warranted an upgrading in its status within the organization, and we so recommended. We did not, however, embed in the organizational structure the individual fields of vocational education. It was our view that this step would tend to circumscribe the growth of vocational education and limit the development of new specialized fields of vocational education. We endeavored to provide sufficient flexibility to accommodate the endeavors of those who believe that the potential of vocational education extends far beyond what is generally realized.

Within an organizational framework which provides room to grow, it is important that positions be staffed with the type of people you describe in your letter of June 7.

On behalf of the Task Force, I wish to thank you for your very helpful suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight A. Ink, Chairman
White House Task Force on Education

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