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Mr. Maurice P. McCaffrey, Principal Counsel
State Department of Employment
1025 P Street
Sacramento 14, California

Attention: Mr. Gerald Wallace

Re: 53:GW:gr - Account No. 28-1915

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 9 asking us whether or not we know where you might locate Mr. Monroe C. Kidder to act as witness at the tax hearing on the Warren C. and Agnes Graham case.

Mr. Kidder has not been associated with the school for the past two years. The last I knew, he maintained an office at 257 S. Spring St., Los Angeles.

I have heard that Mr. Kidder is requesting that legislation be introduced to reactivate his drug and oil program during this session. I do not know which one of the legislators he has approached. He is quite well known in Southern California and it is very possible that someone of the assemblymen or senators from the Los Angeles area would know how he could be reached. I would suggest that you call the office of someone of the representatives from the South that have been in the Legislature for several years, as I think they might be able to help you locate him.

During the life of the program, Mr. Kidder had an assistant by the name of Walter D. Scott, who was also quite familiar with the transactions between the drug and oil plant program and Mr. Graham. I have not heard anything from Mr. Scott for about two years. I would not have any idea of his present address. He came to us from the Federal Government where he was in charge of the Guayule Project at Salinas. The Collector of Internal Revenue had a man working on this case for a long time and was very familiar with it. His name was Daniel F. Cunningham and worked out of the Oakland office.

I am afraid this information is rather sketchy and probably not of too much help. If I learn of the whereabouts of either Mr. Kidder or Mr. Scott before the date of the hearing, I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

DSN:fbt

Donald S. Nelson, Business Manager