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## Lawrence F. O'Brien to Senator James O. Eastland, 20 December 1963

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1963

Dear Senator:

This is to advise you that the United States Office of Education plans to hold five meetings across the Nation early next month to review new educational legislation with potential participants. The meetings are scheduled because these programs, recently enacted by Congress and signed by President Johnson, are highly significant and wide understanding of their provisions and early participation are important. The meetings are called for the purpose of discussing The Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, The Vocational Education Act of 1963 and the handicapped children teacher-training section of the Mental Retardation Facilities Construction Act.

Under Secretary Ivan A. Nestingen, of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and Commissioner of Education Francis Keppel, along with those in the Department who are to operate the programs, will participate in the meetings.

The day-long sessions will be at Atlanta, January 7; Dallas, January 8; New York City, January 10; Chicago, January 16; and San Francisco, January 17.

The meetings are planned on a regional basis to allow for greater participation and to allow more effective consideration of local conditions while outlining the overall meaning of the programs.

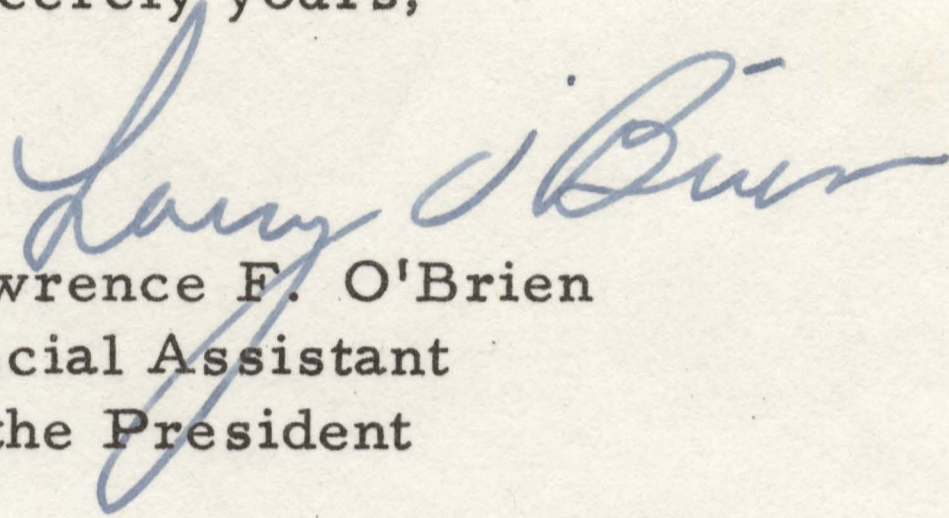
Those invited include presidents of colleges and universities, chief state school officers, state vocational education directors and representatives of colleges and universities with facilities or programs for training teachers of handicapped children. Attached is a list of states covered by each meeting.



There will be separate morning and afternoon sessions devoted to each of the Acts. Departmental staff members will explain details of the programs and answer questions. Under Secretary Nestingen and Commissioner Keppel will appear at these gatherings. In each city there will be a luncheon for all participants at which the Under Secretary and Commissioner will speak.

If you desire more detailed information on the meetings, I suggest you contact John Naisbitt, the Commissioner's Assistant for Public Affairs, who is making arrangements. He can be reached at WO 3-3897.

Sincerely yours,



Lawrence F. O'Brien  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Enclosure



BREAKDOWN OF STATES TO ATTEND INFORMATION MEETINGS ON  
NEW LEGISLATION

A. Atlanta

Alabama  
Florida  
Georgia  
Kentucky  
Mississippi  
North Carolina  
South Carolina  
Tennessee  
Virginia

B. Dallas

Arkansas  
Colorado  
Kansas  
Louisiana  
New Mexico  
Oklahoma  
Texas

C. New York

Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Maryland  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
New Jersey  
New Hampshire  
New York  
Pennsylvania  
Puerto Rico  
Rhode Island  
Vermont  
West Virginia

D. Chicago

Illinois  
Indiana  
Iowa  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
South Dakota  
Wisconsin

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Nevada  
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