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POLL

On this date, Executive Director William T. Putnam completed a poll of the following Budget and Control Board members on the item of business described below:

Governor Richard W. Riley
Mr. Grady L. Patterson, Jr.
Mr. Earle E. Morris, Jr.
Representative Tom G. Mangum

FORESTRY COMMISSION - TRANSFER OF PERSONAL SERVICE FUNDS - The referenced poll was undertaken in response to a March 18 letter from State Forester Kilian in which he requested authorization to transfer \$91,125.67 of personal service funds which are projected to accumulate during the remainder of the current fiscal year to other operating accounts of the Commission to provide funds to fight and control forest fires resulting from the unusually dry and windy weather conditions the State is experiencing.

Executive Director Putnam conducted the poll after discussing the matter with Mr. Kilian and with State Auditor Vaughn and the members polled voted unanimously to approve the requested transfer.

Information relating to this matter has been retained in these files and is identified as Exhibit 1.

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WTP discussed this matter with Mr. Kilian and Ed Vaughn. He then polled four members of the Budget and Control Board and received approval for the transferring of \$91,125.67 from personal services to contractual services for the purpose of fighting forest fires.

Board members giving their approval to the transfer were Earle Morris, Grady Patterson, Tom Mangum and Governor Riley.

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Mr. William T. Putnam, Executive Director
South Carolina Budget and Control Board
P. O. Box 12444
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Bill:

The Forestry Commissioners, employees, and I appreciate the helpful attitude that you and the members of the Budget and Control Board are taking concerning the budgetary problems facing the Commission as a result of the unusual dry and windy weather conditions and forest fire losses within our State.

After our telephone conversations in which you suggested several approaches, our staff has prepared an estimate of probable salary funds that have and will be unused from our current budget authorization. Our Budget Officer, Mr. Paul Jones, estimates that from several situations, including past, current, and projected vacancies, that we will accumulate \$91,125.67 by the end of the fiscal year. This amount is in addition to the directed one percent vacancy reserve to cover a portion of our merit increases for employees of our Agency. However, this estimate does not allow for any sizeable terminal payments for individuals that might retire but have not indicated their intentions to do so. Should these salary requirements become significant, this would require additional authorization to pay these amounts according to current personnel practices.

I have been made aware today that Senators Dennis and Waddell are introducing a continuing resolution to allow our Agency to exceed our budget by \$200,000. Assuming that this resolution passes, we feel that this \$200,000 and the \$91,000 might be sufficient to allow us to complete this year and continue to provide fire protection services to our citizens.

This opinion, quite frankly, is based on the hope that we will receive some periodic rainfall during the next three months. If this does not occur, we will continue to attempt to operate with minimum expenditures as effectively and efficiently as we know how, and make you, the members of the Board, and the Legislature aware of our financial needs. It is our hope that our estimate of total needs, which amounts to \$517,150, will not be necessary to provide this service.

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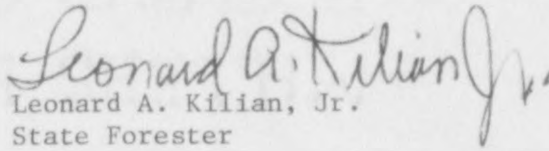
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In summary, this letter is a request to you and the Budget and Control Board for permission to utilize the \$91,000 in salary funds for operational purposes within our Agency. If this authorization is approved, I would appreciate your direction as to how to proceed with the State Auditor and Comptroller General to implement these changes.

Again, let me thank you for your prompt and sympathetic attention.

Sincerely,


Leonard A. Kilian, Jr.
State Forester

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cc: Senator Rembert Dennis
Senator James M. Waddell
S. C. Forestry Commissioners
Mr. Edgar A. Vaughn, Jr., State Auditor

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