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July 10, 1986

TO: Members, Commission on Higher Education

FROM: Fred R. Sheheen, Chairman

SUBJECT: Resignation as Chairman

As you know, my term as a member of the Commission expires on July 26, 1986. My successor, the Honorable Palmer Freeman Sr. of Fort Mill, S. C., has been appointed, effective July 27, 1986.

A new chairman, pursuant to the agenda item forwarded to you, will be elected today.

I am hereby submitting my resignation as Chairman, effective 5 p.m. today, July 10, in order to permit the new chairman to move forward vigorously with the work which is facing the Commission. I am mindful that the Task Forces on implementation of the AVA study will meet in this city tomorrow, work which I believe must commence promptly and vigorously.

Needless to say, the privilege of serving as your Chairman for the past three and a half years has been the high point of my public service, and one of the exhilarating experiences of my life.

