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Office of the Director

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South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
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Dear Alan:

This letter is to serve as our semi-annual report to the Commission describing cooperative efforts made between the Sumter Area Technical College and the University of South Carolina at Sumter during the period since our last report of November 21, 1975.

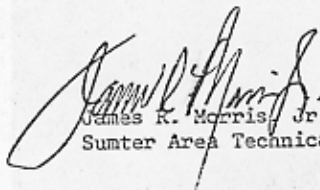
We have received the report of the library consultant, Dr. Edward G. Holley, and are in agreement with his conclusive remarks that "the interests of both Sumter Area Technical College and USC-Sumter would best be served by the provision of a new Learning Resources Center/Library of about 20,000 square feet." As pointed out by Dr. Holley in his report, "the planning for such a joint library will take a considerable amount of time," and we have already discussed planning to try and effect such an operation within the next four to five years, the time when the present facilities of each institution will no longer be adequate to meet our service needs. Current thinking is to enlarge the library facility on the USC-Sumter campus. Since this will, of course, require considerable capital outlay, we do not recommend additional construction at this time. We plan to initiate very soon a definite planning program to consider actual facility needs, and to establish agreements regarding staffing, services, financial support, etc.

In January, 1976, a cooperative arrangement was agreed upon to provide an Associate in Public Service Degree Program in Criminal Justice. This program was approved by the Commission on Higher Education on March 4, 1976. The program is to be offered by Sumter TEC; however, course instruction will be provided through both institutions. Specifically, USC-Sumter will offer courses in the social sciences and the humanities and Sumter TEC will offer all others in the program.

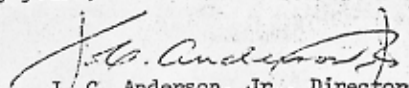
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We believe that these efforts to date are indicative of a definite spirit of cooperativeness between the two institutions.

Sincerely yours,



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