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POLL

Chief of Special Projects John A. Crosscope advised that Executive Director William T. Putnam on this date completed a poll of the following Budget and Control Board members on the item of business described below:

Governor Richard W. Riley (through
Executive Assistant Clarke)
Mr. Grady L. Patterson, Jr.
Mr. Earle E. Morris, Jr.

MOTOR VEHICLE MANAGEMENT - CLEMSON UNIVERSITY APPEAL -

Board members polled were advised that, on March 15, 1979, Clemson University requested in writing that a compact four-wheel drive Subaru station wagon be purchased for its Forestry Department and that a verbal request also was made to purchase two compact four-wheel drive pick-ups and that the Division of Motor Vehicle Management had disapproved both requests on the basis that the items requested were not on contract. The members were further advised that this action by the Division was communicated to Clemson University and that President Edwards appealed to the Motor Vehicle Management Council on May 25, 1979 and that the Council upheld the decision of the Division in each instance.

After being notified verbally of the Council's action, Clemson University Vice President Melvin Barnette, on June 29, appealed the Council's decision to the Budget and Control Board.

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Mr. Putnam polled the referenced members and each concurred with the Clemson University request for the purchase of a Subaru vehicle from other than contract sources. Mr. Crosscope advised that action was also taken to process the Clemson request to purchase two compact pick-up trucks from other than contract sources.

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

EXHIBIT

JUN 29 1979

NO. 01

STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD

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MEMORANDUM TO: Bill McInnis
FROM: Jack Crosscope *JCC*
DATE: July 17, 1979
SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Requisitions, Clemson University

On March 15, 1979, Clemson University requested in writing that a compact four wheel drive Subaru station wagon be purchased for the Forestry Department. A verbal request was also made to purchase two compact four wheel drive pick-ups.

Motor Vehicle Management office disapproved both requests on the basis that none of the ordered items were contract items and suggested that the requests be resubmitted for contract items only. This was communicated to the Clemson purchasing office in writing. Doctor Edwards appealed to the Council on May 25, 1979, and the Council upheld the decision of the Motor Vehicle Management office.

On June 4, 1979, Bill Putnam corresponded with Doctor Edwards indicating that this office would review the request. On June 29, Melvin Barnett called and stated that the Council had not informed the University of its official decision in written form; however, verbal notification had been received from Allan Spence. Based on the verbal notification, Melvin was acting for Doctor Edwards in making the next level of appeal to the Budget and Control Board. Time was critical since the old fiscal year was running out and the equipment dollars would lapse, thus, the University would be without the vehicles.

6/29 Bill Putnam polled the Board (Earl Morris, Grady Patterson and Kitty Clark [acting for the Governor]). Each member concurred with the Clemson request for the purchase of a Subaru vehicle. I picked up the action and coordinated the response with the University, Motor Vehicle Management office, General Services, and the Motor Vehicle Management Council. Action was also taken to process the two pick-up requests for purchase from other than contract sources.

On July 2, 1979, a final contact was made by this office to determine the progress of the requests and was advised that all was "OK."

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Enclosures

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE
Purchasing and Supply Service Systems Division

May 23, 1979

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Jack N. Wilson
Assistant Vice President Facilitating Services

FROM: James M. Boleman, Jr. *JMB*
Director

SUBJECT: Request for Appeal of Motor Vehicle Management Division

On March 15, 1979 a request was made through the Motor Vehicle Management Division for a small 4-wheel drive station wagon and a verbal request was made for two compact 4-wheel drive pick-ups. Both requests were for the Forestry Department. These compact type vehicles were requested because of the emphasis being placed on energy conservation. Both requests were returned from the Motor Vehicle Management Division unapproved. When notified of the results, Dr. Allen, Head of the Forestry Department, asked for all available options. Upon raising this question to Mr. Claudie Davis of the Motor Vehicle Management, I was told that since these smaller vehicles were not on a term contract with the state, our requests would be approved only if changed to a 1/2 ton or 3/4 ton 4-wheel drive pick-up truck or a standard compact station wagon which are on term contract. This option did not take fuel conservation into consideration. When asked if an appeal of the state's decision could be made, Mr. Davis stated that such an appeal could be made to the Motor Vehicle Management Council, but only from the agency head.

Dr. Allen has provided the necessary information to compose such an appeal. With the fuel situation as it presently stands. I recommend that such a request be made. Certain phases of the forestry program are being hampered due to the unavailability of these vehicles. Permission is requested to allow for the preparation of this appeal under Dr. Edward's signature.

JMB/lc

Enclosures

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MAY 28 1979

BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD
OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CLEMSON
UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT

May 25, 1979

Jack D. Jones

Mr. E. Graves Jones, Chairman
Motor Vehicle Management Council
P. O. Box 633
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. Jones:

Attached is documentation upon which Clemson University is basing its appeal of the Division of Motor Vehicle Management's decision to reject our request to purchase economy size motor vehicles for use by our Department of Forestry. In view of the Governor's stated and the Budget and Control Board's approved objective of 15% reduction in gasoline consumption, I find it very difficult to understand the Division's decision.

You will, further, note in the justification that our Forestry Department began as early as 1975 to replace their large work vehicles (pickup trucks) with small gasoline efficient units. In my opinion that decision was and continues to be very good management judgment, and I shall support this judgment to the highest level of State Government if necessary.

Please give me your prompt decision so that all aspects of our forestry programs may continue without undue hindrance.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Edwards
Robert C. Edwards
President

✓ Enclosure

✓ c: Mr. W. T. Putnam

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WILLIAM T. PUTNAM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 4, 1979

Dr. Robert C. Edwards, President
Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina 29631

Dear Dr. Edwards:

This office is in receipt of a copy of your letter of May 25, 1979, which was addressed to Mr. E. Graves Jones, Chairman of the Motor Vehicle Management Council.

We have reviewed this letter and have discussed your comments for a small 4-wheel drive station wagon with officials of the General Services Division and feel that this matter can probably be quickly resolved along the lines of your request.

We are asking Mr. Allan Spence, Director of the Motor Vehicle Management Division, for further information to see if the matter can be quickly resolved.

Yours very truly,

William T. Putnam
Executive Director

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