EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER ONE HUNDRED

TO: Heads of All State Departments and Agencies
RE: Creation of Rumor Control/Information Center

WHEREAS, the United States District Court of Delaware is deliberating a decision in the case of Evans v. Buchanan; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the decision could possibly result in the issuance of an order requiring the desegregation of the Wilmington School District; and

WHEREAS, mandatory busing of students may be ordered; and

WHEREAS, other states have experienced numerous problems in the area of school desegregation; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the State of Delaware should be aware of the ramifications involved in school desegregation; and

WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance that the citizens of the State of Delaware be supplied with accurate, complete, and current information; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the news media be provided with a means for obtaining such information;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. A "Rumor Control/Information Center" is hereby established. (Hereinafter called "Center")

2. The "Center" will be located at the Absalom Jones School, 310 Kiamensi Road, New Castle County, Wilmington, Delaware.

3. Clifford E. Hall, Secretary, Department of Highways and Transportation, is hereby designated as State Coordinator of the "Center."

4. The "Center" shall maintain a "hot line" telephone number and provide information concerning any questions or problems concerning matters related to school desegregation.
5. All State Departments and Agencies shall assist and cooperate with the State Coordinator to the fullest extent.

APPROVED this  day of March, 1976

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State