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Dear Mr Chamberlain:

As requested in your letter of April 3, 1970, we inquired into whether Federal money had been used for the construction of St. Johns High School in St Johns, Michigan Our discussions with officials of the Michigan Department of Education and of St Johns Public School and our review of their records--including financial statements prepared by a certified public accountant--revealed that funds from the sale of bonds rather than Federal funds had been used to finance the construction of the school

We found that Federal funds had been used to assist in the purchase of some equipment for the new school St. Johns received reimbursements of \$33,736 under title III of the National Defense Education Act for purchases of science equipment and \$1,923 under the Vocational Education Act for purchases of other equipment These acts authorize reimbursement from Federal funds of 50 percent of the costs of such equipment

We trust that the foregoing information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

*R. K. ...*

Assistant Comptroller General  
of the United States

The Honorable Charles E Chamberlain  
House of Representatives

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