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The Honorable
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Dear Mr. Attorney-General:

I am writing to urge the immediate action of the United States Department of Justice in filing a friend-of-the-court brief in support of a Supreme Court review of busing to achieve racial integration and quality education in our nation's school systems.

As I stated to you in my letter of April 5, 1976, the citizens of Boston have experienced in the last two years, the anguish of frustration and uncertainty over the physical and educational well-being of our children. Students who are currently being bused out of their neighborhoods encounter each and every day, metal detectors, riot squads and incidents of racial tension. The educational system is barely able to function under the weight of the compulsory court-ordered plan now in force. Statistics have been released which show beyond a shadow of a doubt that resegregation is occurring in Boston at an alarming rate, thus negating the intended purpose of the court-ordered plan.

As you well know, the American people have expressed their overwhelming opposition to compulsory school busing. They have taken their strong feelings to our judicial system and it now appears certain that the Supreme Court, the highest Court in the land, must render a decision in this matter. The Justice Department must recognize the will of the people it was constituted to serve and act swiftly in this matter.

I urge you to give this matter your most careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. POTTY - Gen -

As you mentioned in our
Telephone conversation this
morning the Justice Department
is considering filing a
amicus curiae brief in
the support of a review
of the Boston desegregation
decision. (Hernandez).

In my letter of April 5,
1976 I expressed to you as
I did in the Telephone this
morning my grave concern
that the citizens of Boston,

who have experienced the anguish and frustration created by court ordered busing have this matter resolved once and for all.

The Justice Department, which has been integrally involved, with the school desegregation process, has the resources and information ^{necessary} to shed considerable light on the case presently before the Court.

Therefore, I strongly urge

you to submit an amicus
curiae brief to the
Court on this most urgent
matter.