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TO: ELIGIBLE N. C. HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL UNITS

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SUBJECT: REVISED SURPLUS PROPERTY BILL UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY  
SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA.

This announcement is the answer to the prayers and cooperative efforts of eligible health and educational institutions supported by a decisively controlling body of Congressman and Senators throughout the United States. North Carolina Congressmen and Senators have unanimously favored the amended surplus property utilization bill, Number 3322, and by consistent and effective support have contributed significantly to its enactment into law. Final passage came yesterday, May 23, when the House concurred in the Senate action after previous unanimous approval by both houses of Congress.

In our joint efforts to acknowledge our debt of gratitude, it is hoped that you will not only write your own Congressman and Senator but give the story to your local county and city newspapers, featuring their contribution in enacting the new law providing increased benefits to North Carolina's schools, colleges, hospitals, and health units.

The general purpose of the bill is "to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 so as to improve the administration of the program for the utilization of surplus property for educational and public health purposes."

Among other improvements the most significant one is the provision which makes available to health and educational institutions the Department of Defense Stock Fund Property and any similar revolving fund property in other Federal Agencies.

As soon as the new law is implemented by appropriate regulations for compliance, for State and Federal cooperative working arrangements, for disposal limitations applicable to Federal and State Agencies as well as to eligible health and educational units, you will be promptly informed. In the meantime, this agency will exert maximum efforts to obtain North Carolina's fair share of these better types of property as rapidly as it is made available. Until you receive memoranda covering our property acquisitions under the new law, it appears proper to advise all participating institutions that at present we have no typewriters or other business machines on hand or machine tools in sufficiently good condition to justify a trip to the State's warehouses. The same is true in regard to hospital supplies and equipment.

Some of the items in fairly long supply are as follows: file cabinets, both card and letter, desks, single, double and double double, metal dustproof document files, typist chairs and other swivel chairs, wire for training purposes, OD paint in 5 gallon cans, conveyor sections, plumbing, electrical and electronic equipment, and meat blocks.

In order to effect a more complete year-end clearance, a considerable quantity of items suitable for maintenance and repair will be made available without the usual charges for packing and handling. Some of these items will be in furniture, kitchen equipment, out-moded business machines, plumbing equipment in odd sizes, hand pumps convertible into suction pumps, office, hospital and science supplies or equipment. The disposal dates on these items will begin as soon as you receive this memorandum and end on June 10th. During this period and thereafter this agency has planned to make available truck load deliveries to your institution at actual cost.

Until further notice disposal dates will be continued as previously. Schools 100 miles or further from State's warehouses will be serviced on Tuesdays; on Wednesdays and Fridays all other schools; on Thursdays hospital and health units.