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TO: Deans, Directors, and Chairpersons of Teacher Preparation Institutions

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SUBJECT: Conference to Discuss Planning and Research Issues and Activities in Teacher Education in California

Increased Attention to Planning and Research

As you are aware from previous communications concerning Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing activities in 1979, we are seeking to give greater attention to broad leadership issues in the field of teacher preparation and licensing in California. This focus results from needs you have expressed to your Commission consultants as well as from other assistance you have given. The Commission has set aside a portion of each of its monthly meetings for an "Informal Discussion Session" on long-range planning and research issues, and our staff is developing what I feel will be a productive planning and research agenda for this and future years.

While the Beginning Teacher Evaluation Study has been a prominent activity of the Commission for several years, this year's dissemination effort provides a unique opportunity to share the findings which have resulted from this major research project. In addition to BTES our agency has identified a number of other current and prospective activities which we believe are worthy of wide discussion.

A Special Planning and Research Conference

To initiate such discussion I am inviting leaders from all institutions of higher education involved in teacher preparation in California to a special conference at which Commission staff will present an overview of our planning and research activities and interests, and solicit dialogue and reaction from the teacher education community. The conference details follow:

Date - Friday, May 11, 1979

Time - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with a no-host lunch break)

Location - Host Airport Hotel, Sacramento