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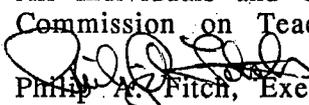
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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the
Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM:  Philip A. Fitch, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Fingerprint Card Processing Fee Increase

As a result of the State's budget problems, the Department of Justice has decided that it is necessary to raise the fingerprint card processing fee from \$18.50 to \$27.00. The decision was announced to Commission staff at a meeting on June 5. The effective date of the change is August 1, 1990.

The Department of Justice has informed us that to qualify for the current \$18.50 fee, all fingerprint cards must be in their possession no later than the close of business August 1, 1990. We have requested an extension of the date to September 1, but have no guarantee at this time that our request will be granted. However, because the Commission wants to be sensitive to the difficulties that such a late announcement causes, we are setting August 15, 1990 as the due date for applications submitted to us using the old fee. If the Department of Justice does not grant an extension, the Commission will absorb the increase in fees for those who make our August 15 deadline, but do not make the Department's August 1 deadline.

To assist us in this effort, we ask that you not accept the current combined Federal and State processing fees of \$38.50 after Tuesday, July 31, and that you send all applications with the \$38.50 to us so that they arrive here no later than August 15, 1990. All applications submitted with a fee of \$38.50 must be received in our office by the end of the work day on August 15, 1990 whether they were filed prior to August 1, 1990 or not. All applications received in this office after August 15, 1990 must include the combined Federal and State fees of \$47.00 no matter when they were filed. For those applications that do not meet the deadline, we will accept the applicant's personal check for \$8.50 along with the \$38.50 money order.

We are confronted with a difficult situation which none of us could have anticipated. If we all cooperate and communicate the information to those applicants most affected by the change, we will be able to accomplish this task with a minimum of disruption.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.