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TO: To Deans and Directors of Teacher Education at
Institutions of Higher Education

FROM: John F. Brown, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Off-Campus Programs

On June 4th, 1982, the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing directed staff

to immediately notify all institutions that no off-campus programs are to be initiated, beginning September 1, 1982, until the Commission has reviewed and adopted new policy and procedures dealing with such programs.

This direction refers to all programs of subject matter and professional preparation designed to result in candidates being recommended for any California teaching, specialist or services credential.

For purposes of this coded correspondence, "off-campus" is defined to mean any credential program and/or course of study designed to meet credential requirements, provided through Extension Services, Continuing Education, or through any delivery service other than through the institution's on-campus facilities and staff. "Initiated" is defined to mean enrollment of new candidates into programs during 1982-83.

The Commission's discussion on this matter noted that there does appear to be circumstances requiring "off-campus" programs, but it also noted that existing quality control mechanisms do not appear to provide acceptable assurance as to the quality of such programs. The Commission has directed staff to establish an advisory committee to study this question, and to make recommendations as to future policies and procedures.

Should you have any questions, regarding this matter, please call Dr. Robert Kane (916) 324-2450.

Thank you.