

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Mr. Roger W. Verley, President Hourly Child Care, Inc. P. O. Box 10261 Alexandria, Virginia 22310

Dear Mr. Verley:

I am pleased that the arrangements for the Hourly Child Care service are moving along and that the trailers will be in place shortly so you can open next week.

There is a matter of policy with regard to the Hourly Child Care and the College. The College as a public institution must regard the child care program as a service provided commercially for the benefit and convenience mainly of George Mason students and faculty. The College although a party to the arrangement is not the sponsor of the program and is not responsible for the operation of the program.

In answer to some questions in item 2 of your letter; posters and signs can be posted at appropriate points. The availability of the child care service has been announced to the faculty. The circulars which you have prepared should be made available to those interested in the service. Calls for the service can be made to Dr. Green or Mrs. Patterson as per the circular.

The inclusion of a short description of the service can not be included in the 1971-72 catalog since it has already gone to press. I would think that the announcement of the availability of the service would be adequate. I do not see how we can include information of preschool children on the College application blank. There are many items on the application blank which become controversial.

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Since your operation is a private venture, I would not want to include information on the application blank which might be construed that the College is in a position to offer free child care service. The hourly child care could not be integrated into the College registration process since only a small proportion of the students have such a need. A desk at the registration area would be convenient for those interested and for those wishing to make arrangements for the care of their children.

I have talked with Dr. Snyder, Chairman of the Department of Education, about the hourly child care service. It would be quite normal for discussions to take place between Dr. Green, you and the Department of Education as matters progress. I see no advantage in including "Future Relation" in the agreement.

I have reviewed this agreement with Mr. Adams and Mr. Blankingship. Mr. Adams will be responsible for all contractual matters. We look forward to the success of this venture.

Sincerely, hompson

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cc: Mr. Henry P. Adams, Business Office