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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 22, 1993

Mr. Richard Behrens
Mr. Seth Steele
White County Middle School
Rt. 5, Box 5042
Cleveland, GA 30528

Dear Mr. Behrens and Seth,

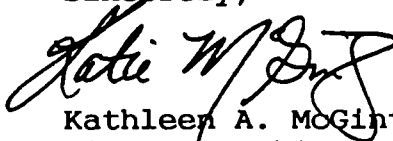
Thank you so much for your recent letter and the enclosed photo. It was a pleasure meeting you both last month at the Global Climate Change Conference. I have also shared your letter with the Vice President.

As you know, the Vice President and I are committed to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. Environmental technologies are playing an increasing role in accomplishing such a goal. Congratulations on your outstanding accomplishments in analyzing weather satellites, as well as investigating what causes their inaccuracies. It is truly incredible what young students are capable of when they are given the proper tools.

Your accomplishments in the classroom are evidence that these types of technologies must be available to school children as well as experts in the field. In this regard I have enclosed some information that may be useful in your search to acquire computer equipment for your classrooms. Listed are both state agencies as well as the General Services Administration regional offices who can be of help.

Again, it was good to hear from you. Please keep me apprised of any future developments with your class!

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

P.S. I have also shared your "discoveries" with Dr. Robert Watson of the White House Office on Science and Technology Policy. He is pursuing it further, so please keep me apprised of any subsequent work you may do in this area.

KAM/jac

11/19/93
Trey/ Jan -
I got some info.
on computer donations
from GSA attached for
this guy.
Danielle

November 2nd, 1993

To: Al
Linda
This is the teacher
of the kid who
discovered satellite
drift pt. ocean
temperature
measurements
in the
ocean.

The Honorable Kathleen A. McGinty
Director: White House Office on Environmental Policy
The Old Executive Office Building - Room 360
Washington, D.C. 20501

Ms. McGinty,

It was a pleasure meeting with you last Wednesday during the Global Change Conference. Your ideas concerning the environment hit home.

Vice President Gore's interest in our efforts to capture weather images in the classroom is appreciated. Over the past five years NOAA, NASA, ERIM and the W.T. Chen Co. have been instrumental in the training of many of my educational peers in the remote sensing field. These federal government employees and contractors gave up hours of their personal and professional time to help us (teachers), many times without compensation. They made our efforts possible.

I teach in a small rural middle school in Cleveland, Ga. The satellite receiving station my students operate allows them to work with state of the art technology like the better equipped urban and suburban schools. This technology has been the great equalizer. We use this equipment to solve real problems and expose rural students to a global perspective.

WE WATCH THE WORLD!!!

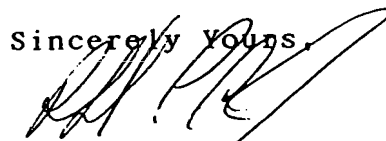
The school community could use more of these satellite weather systems and a computer network that would allow students throughout the U.S. to communicate with each other. Unlike the universities, the public schools can not afford the high cost of INTERNET. Could a federal program be implemented to establish a national K thru 12 INTERNET type service at very low or no cost to the schools? With this type of communication capability, students could work on projects which allow them to collect and compare data, such as, environmental studies over small and large areas.

Linda
Please write these
ideas. I'd like to see
to help you.

As we discussed on Wednesday, the schools need the government's old computers. Each year the federal government buys new 386 and 486 computers. Your old 286 PC's would be a great asset in any school. Our technological equipment and training (for teachers and students) are way behind the current market place. Equipment donations could help us close the technological gap and educate more children.

I appreciate the time you spent with my student Seth Steele after your speech last week. It will be a wonderful memory for him. I have enclosed a picture for you. If you are traveling in the North Georgia Mountain area please feel free to drop by and see our program at work. Once again, Thanks.

Sincerely Yours,



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GSA has Program - donates
to states — Public Schs.
— state/local system
Contact a rep. of state appointed (by Gov.)

Vince
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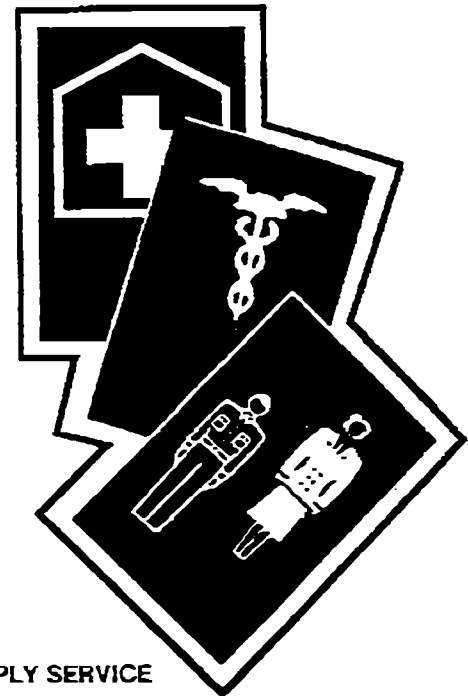
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Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Programs

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Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Programs enable certain nonfederal organizations to obtain personal property the Federal Government no longer needs.

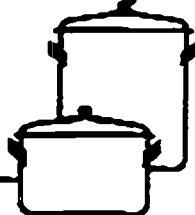
Personal property includes all types and categories of property except land or other real property, certain naval vessels, and records of the Federal Government. It embraces such items as hand and machine tools, office machines and supplies, furniture, appliances, medical supplies, hardware, clothing, motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, construction equipment, textiles, communication and electronic equipment, and gifts and decorations given by foreign governments and their representatives to Federal employees and their immediate families. It is offered on an "as is, where is" basis, without warranty of any kind.

The basic authority for donation programs is the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended. This act and related statutes authorize the Administrator of General Services to transfer surplus personal property for donation to nonfederal public agencies and other specifically designated recipients. The major categories of eligible recipients are:

- Public Agencies
- Nonprofit Educational and Public Health Activities, Including Programs for the Homeless
- Nonprofit and Public Programs for the Elderly
- Educational Activities of Special Interest to the Armed Services
- Public Airports

This pamphlet provides general information about Federal donation programs and furnishes the addresses of offices from which more specific information can be obtained.

Public Agencies, Nonprofit Educational or Public Health Activities, and Programs for the Elderly



ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

• Public Agencies

Public agencies involved in such activities as conservation, economic development, education, park and recreation programs, public safety, public health, programs for the elderly, and programs for the homeless may be eligible for donations of surplus personal property.

Public agencies generally include States, their departments, divisions and other instrumentalities; political subdivisions of States, including cities, counties, and other local Government units and economic development districts; instrumentalities created by compact or other agreement between States or political subdivisions; and Indian tribes, bands, groups, pueblos, or communities located on State reservations.

• Nonprofit Educational and Public Health Activities, Including Programs for the Homeless

Surplus personal property may be donated to nonprofit educational and public health activities exempt from taxation under sec. 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. The property must be used to aid education or public health, either directly or through research.

Nonprofit educational and public health activities may include medical institutions, hospitals, clinics, health centers, and drug abuse treatment centers; schools, colleges and universities; schools for the mentally retarded or physically handicapped; child care centers; educational radio and television stations; museums; and libraries.

Nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations which provide food, shelter, or support services to homeless people may also be eligible to receive surplus property through donation. Such organizations may include soup kitchens and day centers for the homeless; foodbanks which provide food directly to shelters and soup kitchens where homeless individuals are fed and/or provided sleeping accommodations; and overnight, daytime, and around-the-clock shelters where homeless individuals receive assistance, regardless of the cause or duration of the homelessness (includes shelters for battered spouses, abused children, and orphans; and half-way houses for temporary residence of homeless parolees, recovered mental patients, and recovered substance abusers).

• Nonprofit and Public Programs for the Elderly

State or local government agencies, and nonprofit organizations or institutions, which receive funds appropriated for programs for older individuals under the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended under title IV or title XX of the Social Security Act, or under titles VIII and X of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and the Community Services Block Grant Act, may be eligible to receive donations of surplus personal property for programs for the elderly.

Programs for the elderly may include programs that provide adult day care or other services essential for the general welfare of older people such as social services, transportation services, nutrition services, legal services, and multipurpose senior centers.

DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

In accordance with the law, State surplus property agencies have been established by each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and American Samoa to distribute personal property designated as surplus by the Federal Government. These State surplus property agencies advise applicants of eligibility requirements and procedures to be followed in acquiring Federal surplus personal property and of the conditions and restrictions placed on the property.

Most agencies maintain one or more distribution centers through which to receive property, display it to interested applicants, and effect donation transactions. Practically all operate on a self-sustaining basis by assessing recipients a service charge to cover handling, transportation, and administrative expenses.

CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY

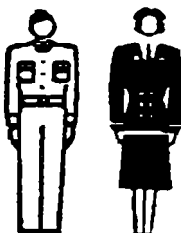
Clear title to donated property is not granted until a specified period of time has elapsed and the donee has fulfilled all Federal and State restrictions imposed on the property.

State restrictions may vary as each State agency is permitted to impose its own terms and conditions. Federal restrictions require that all property be placed into use by the donee within 1 year of acquisition and be used for at least 1 year thereafter. Additional restrictions are imposed by the General Services Administration (GSA) on certain types of property such as aircraft, vessels, and gifts received from a foreign government. Violations of any of the conditions or restrictions may require return of the property to the State surplus property agency.

WHERE TO APPLY FOR INFORMATION

Public agencies, nonprofit educational or public health institutions, and programs for the elderly may obtain information about eligibility and program requirements by contacting the Director, State Agency for Surplus Property, for the State in which they reside. State Agency addresses are printed in this pamphlet.

Educational Activities of Special Interest to the Armed Services



ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

The Secretary of Defense has designated activities such as maritime academies, or military, naval, Air Force, or Coast Guard preparatory schools, and the following national organizations as eligible recipients of Department of Defense (DOD) surplus property:

- American National Red Cross
- Armed Services YMCA of the U.S.A.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Boy Scouts of America
- Camp Fire, Inc.
- Center for Excellence in Education
- Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.
- Little League Baseball, Inc.
- National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education
- National Ski Patrol System, Inc.
- Naval Sea Cadet Corps
- Operation Raleigh
- United Service Organizations, Inc.
- U.S. Olympic Committee
- Young Marines of the Marine Corps League/Marine Corps League

WHERE TO APPLY FOR INFORMATION

Information concerning the designation of schools or organizations as Service Educational Activities (SEA) can be obtained from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Production and Logistics), Washington, DC 20301-8000.

Individual units of the national organizations such as Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops, Red Cross chapters, etc., should contact their regional or national headquarters regarding the donation and use of DOD surplus property. Eligible SEA schools should contact their sponsoring military service.

Public Airports



ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

Any State, political subdivision, municipality, or tax-supported institution may receive surplus personal property through donation for use in the development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of a public airport.

WHERE TO APPLY FOR INFORMATION

Public airports should contact the appropriate Federal Aviation Administration regional office (attention: Airports Division Chief) or the FAA, Office of Airport Planning and Programming (APP-1), Washington, DC 20591.

... And Other Eligible Donee Activities



The Donation Program also encompasses provisions for donating special types and categories of surplus property. Examples of these programs include:

- Donations of forfeited distilled spirits, wine, and beer to eleemosynary institutions for medicinal purposes.
- Donations of blood plasma and other property to the American National Red Cross for charitable purposes. Donations are limited to property identified as having been processed, produced, or donated by the Red Cross to the Federal Government.
- Donations of surplus equipment and supplies to State and local governments for use in Presidentially-declared emergencies or major disasters.
- Donations of property to public bodies (any public agency, Indian tribe, or agency of the Federal government) in lieu of abandoning or destroying it.

WHERE TO APPLY FOR INFORMATION

Charitable medical institutions that wish to obtain seized and forfeited alcoholic beverages for use by their inpatients must first establish eligibility with the GSA National Capital Region. Red Cross units, public bodies, and State officials in charge of disaster operations should contact the appropriate GSA regional office for additional information on acquiring property for their respective programs. The addresses of these regional offices are printed in this pamphlet.

GSA REGIONAL OFFICES

ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE STATE AGENCIES FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY

For additional information on acquiring Federal Surplus Personal Property, contact the Federal Supply Service Bureau in the GSA Region serving your area.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

District of Columbia; Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, and Prince William Counties and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church in Virginia
7th and D Streets, SW
Washington, DC 20407
(202) 765-5051 **755-0268**

REGION 1

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
10 Causeway Street
Boston Federal Office Bldg.
Boston, MA 02222
(617) 565-7319

REGION 2

New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278
(212) 264-2034

REGION 3

Delaware, Maryland and Virginia (except Washington, DC metropolitan area), Pennsylvania, and West Virginia
Ninth and Market Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(212) 597-5678

REGION 4

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee
401 West Peachtree St.
Atlanta, GA 30365
(404) 331-8865 **5177**

REGION 5

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin
230 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 353-6060

REGION 6

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska
4400 College Blvd., Suite 175
Overland Park, KS 66211
(913) 236-2525

REGION 7

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas
819 Taylor Street
Forth Worth, TX 76102
(817) 334-2339

REGION 8

Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming
Denver Federal Center-Bldg. 41
Denver, CO 80225
(303) 236-7700

REGION 9

American Samoa, Arizona, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii, and Nevada
525 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 744-5235

REGION 10

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington
GSA Center
400 15th St., SW
Auburn, WA 98001
(206) 931-7572

Alabama
P.O. Box 210487
Montgomery, AL 36121
(205) 277-5886

Alaska
2400 Viking Drive
Anchorage, AK 99501
(907) 279-0596

American Samoa
P.O. Box 3613
Pago Pago, AS 96799
(684) 699-1170

Arizona
1537 W. Jackson St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-5701

Arkansas
8700 Remount Rd
N. Little Rock, AR 72118
(501) 835-3111

California
2325 Moore Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92633
(714) 992-0900

Colorado
4200 Garfield St.
Denver, CO 80216
(303) 321-2200

Connecticut
60 State St.
P.O. Box 290170
Wethersfield, CT 06129
(203) 566-7018

Delaware
P.O. Box 299
Delaware City, DE 19706
(302) 577-3070

District of Columbia
2000 Adams Place, NE
Washington, DC 20018
(202) 576-6472

Florida
813-A Lake Bradford Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32304
(904) 488-3524

Georgia
1050 Murphy Ave., SW
Building 1A
Atlanta, GA 30310
(404) 756-4800

Guam
P.O. Box 884
Agana, GU 96910
(671) 472-2271

Hawaii
729 Kakaui Street
Honolulu, HI 96819
(808) 548-6946

Idaho
3204 E. Amity Rd.
State House Mail
Boise, ID 83720
(208) 334-3477
Illinois
3550 Great Northern Ave.
Rural Route 4
Springfield, IL 62707
(217) 793-1813

Indiana
545 West McCarty St.
Indianapolis, IN 46225
(317) 232-1384

Iowa
Capitol Complex-
Fairgrounds
Des Moines, IA 50319
(515) 262-9810

Kansas
3400 East 10th St.
Topeka, KS 66607
(813) 296-2351

Kentucky
514 Barrett Ave.
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-4836

Louisiana
Box 84085, Capitol Sta.
Baton Rouge, LA 70804
(504) 342-7880

Maine
State Office Bldg.
Station 95
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-2923

Maryland
Brock Bridge Rd.
P.O. Box 122
Jessup, MD 20794
(301) 596-1080

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Room 1010
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Boston, MA 02108
(617) 727-7500

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P.O. Box 30026
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 335-9105

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5420 Highway 8, Arden
Hills
New Brighton, MN 55112
(612) 633-1644

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P.O. Box 5778
Whitfield Road
Jackson, MS 39288
(601) 939-2050

Missouri
117 N. Riverside Dr
P.O. Drawer 1310
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(314) 751-3415

Montana
930 Lyndale Ave.
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620
(406) 444-4514

Nebraska
2700 West Van Dorn
P.O. Box 94661
Lincoln, NE 68509
(402) 471-2677

Nevada
505 E. King St.
Room 400
Carson City, NV 89710
(702) 687-4094

New Hampshire
12 Hills Avenue
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-2602

New Jersey
82 Executive Avenue
Edison, NJ 08817
(908) 287-9256

New Mexico
1990 Siringo Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 827-7721

New York
Bldg. 18-State
Office Building Campus
Albany, NY 12226
(518) 457-3264

North Carolina
P.O. Box 26567
Raleigh, NC 27611
(919) 733-3885

North Dakota
IGOE Industrial Park
Bldg. 12
P.O. Box 7293
Bismarck, ND 58502
(701) 224-2273

Northern Mariana
Islands
Saipan, CM 96950
(670) 322-9768

Ohio
226 North Fifth St.
Columbus, OH 43266
(614) 486-4485

Oklahoma
P.O. Box 11355
3100 North Creston
Oklahoma City, OK 73136
(405) 425-2700

Oregon
1655 Salem Ind. Dr., NE
Salem, OR 97310
(503) 378-4714

Pennsylvania
2221 Forster St.
Harrisburg, PA 17105
(717) 787-6995

Puerto Rico
P.O. Box 4112
San Juan, PR 00905
(809) 722-3565

Rhode Island
75 Howard Ave.
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 464-2653

South Carolina
1441 Boston Avenue
West Columbia, SC 29170
(803) 822-5490

South Dakota
20 Colorado Ave., SW
Huron, SD 57350
(605) 353-7150

Tennessee
6500 Centennial Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37209
(615) 741-1711

Texas
2103 Ackerman Rd.
P.O. Box 8120
Wainwright Station
San Antonio, TX 78208
(512) 681-2381

Utah
522 South 700 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84104
(801) 533-5885

Vermont
Rural Route 2, Box 520
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 828-3394

Virginia
1910 Darbytown Road
Richmond, VA 23231
(804) 786-7268

Virgin Islands
Bldg. No. 1 Subbase
St. Thomas, VI 00801
(809) 774-0414

Washington
2805 C St., SW
Bldg. 5, Door 49
Auburn, WA 98001
(206) 931-3931

West Virginia
2700 Charles Avenue
Dunbar, WV 26064
(304) 768-7303

Wisconsin
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2564 Branch St.
Middleton, WI 53562
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Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7901