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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

HOUSTON DIVISION

DELORES ROSS, a minor by her next Friend, Mary Alice Benjamin, et al., Plaintiffs,	CIVIL ACTION NO. 10444
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by RAMSEY CLARK, Attorney General of the United States, Plaintiff-Intervenor,	MOTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL RELIEF
v.	
ROBERT ECKELS, as President of the Board of Trustees of the Houston Independent School District, et al., Defendants.	

The United States, plaintiff-intervenor, moves this Court for an order supplementing the orders of August 12, 1960, and October 27, 1965, by requiring the defendants to adopt and implement a school desegregation plan that accords with the standards established by the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in United States, et al., v. Jefferson County Board of Education (No. 23345, decided December 29, 1966, and on rehearing en banc March 29, 1967), and state as grounds for this motion:

1. The previous orders of this Court of August 12, 1960, and October 27, 1965, are not in accord with existing judicial standards for freedom-of-choice student assignment plans in that they do not provide for an annual freedom of choice for all students, a procedure to insure the nonracial assignment of students who fail to exercise that choice, priorities for determining which choices shall be honored when enrollment exceeds capacity at any school, a procedure to insure the nonracial assignment of students whose choices can not be honored because enrollment exceeds capacity at the schools of their choice, and appropriate notice to parents and students fully informing them of their right to choose, the choice procedures, the course to be followed where enrollment exceeds capacity at any particular school, and the availability of school bus transportation. Nor do the previous orders of this Court specifically require the defendants to desegregate the faculty, to reorganize the school transportation system so that it is designed to serve a unitary, nonracial school system, or to take steps to insure that the physical facilities, equipment, course of instruction, and instructional materials in schools traditionally maintained for Negroes are of a quality equal to that provided in schools traditionally maintained for whites.

2. The desegregation plan adopted by the defendants on May 25, 1967, is inadequate under existing judicial standards for freedom-of-choice plans in that: (a) it fails to establish a procedure for the nonracial assignment of students who fail to exercise that choice; (b) it fails to establish priorities to determining which choices shall be honored when enrollment exceeds capacity at any school; (c) it fails to establish procedures or criteria for the nonracial assignment of students whose choices cannot be honored because enrollment exceeds capacity at the schools of their choice; (d) it fails to establish methods and procedures for adequately informing parents and students of their right to choose, the choice procedures, the course to be followed where enrollment exceeds capacity at any particular school, and the availability of school bus transportation; (e) it does not commit the defendants to reorganize the bus routes so that, to the maximum extent feasible in light of the geographic distribution of students, the school transportation system will serve each student choosing any school in the district, nor does it provide that each student choosing either the formerly white or the formerly Negro school nearest his residence must be transported to the school to which he is assigned, whether or not it is his first choice, if that school is sufficiently distant from his home

to make him eligible for transportation under generally applicable transportation rules; (f) it does not commit the defendants to take prompt steps to insure that the physical facilities, equipment, course of instruction, and instructional materials in schools traditionally maintained for Negroes are of a quality equal to that provided in schools traditionally maintained for whites, nor does it commit the defendants to establishing remedial education programs for students who had previously attended segregated schools in order to overcome past inadequacies in their education; and (g) it does not establish an adequate program for the desegregation of the faculty.

This motion will be based upon all other pleadings, documents and other papers on file in this case and upon oral testimony and other evidence to be offered on the hearing.

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