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Harry W. Hill, Commissioner,
State Department of Social
Security and Welfare,
39 North Sixth Avenue,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Hill:

We acknowledge your letter of May 5, 1947, in which you request an opinion on the following:

"Under the amendment passed by the special session of the Seventeenth Legislature regarding old age assistance, a provision was included which prevents the payment of State funds unless matched by Federal funds.

Will you please advise whether or not this same condivision(provision?) would apply to aid to dependent children and aid to the blind payments, and whether or not State funds could be paid to the recipients in these categories if Federal funds were not available?"

Chapter 12 of the Third Special Session of the Arizona Legislature, as shown by the title, deals only with old age assistance. This is equally true of Section 70-205, as amended by this Act, which reads in part as follows:

"Provided further, that any assistance granted under this section by the State of Arizona shall only be paid when matched by a like amount by the Federal Government". (Underlining ours)

It is therefore our opinion that the above provision does not apply to aid to dependent children or

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aid to the blind, and that State funds may be paid to recipients in these categories even though Federal funds are not available to match the State money so paid.

Very truly yours,

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