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The Commissioners of Oxford
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Gentlemen:

Earlier this week I gave to Jim Farmar a copy of the proposed lease of the Oxford school prepared by Sid Campen on behalf of the Oxford Community Center, Inc. Subsequent to meeting with Jim, I attended the Talbot County Council meeting and discussed the school situation and the enclosed lease with them.

You will note that the enclosed lease names both the Town of Oxford and the Oxford Community Center, Inc., as lessees. I explained to the Council that it was your desire to be out of the picture completely, and suggested to them that they enter into the lease directly with the Oxford Community Center, Inc. The Council took the position that the Commissioners of Oxford should deal with the people of Oxford rather than the Talbot County Council dealing with the people of Oxford. The Talbot County Council indicated to me that they will enter into a lease with the Town of Oxford which permits the Town of Oxford to sublet to any organization to which it chooses, provided that the property is used for public purposes. If the property ever ceases to be used for public purposes, no matter who is in possession, it will revert to Talbot County. For these reasons, the Council declined to enter into the enclosed lease. I am in the process of preparing a lease consistent with their requirements by which the Commissioners of Oxford will lease the school from the Talbot County Council for \$1.00 a year, and then assign that lease to the Oxford Community Center, Inc. This document will be prepared by the end of the week and forwarded to you and Mr. Campen for review.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Very sincerely,

DAVID R. THOMPSON

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Enclosure
cc: Sidney S. Campen, Jr., Esquire