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Hon. E. H. Poteet, Acting President  
Texas College of Arts & Industries  
Kingsville, Texas

Attention: Hon. James H. Colvin

Opinion No. V-705.

Re: The authority of the Board of  
Directors of Texas College of  
Arts and Industries to permit  
an employee to take a State  
automobile into Mexico on of-  
ficial business.

Dear Sir:

Your request for an opinion reads as follows:

"May the Board of Directors of the  
Texas College of Arts and Industries auth-  
orize an employee of the College to take  
a state-owned automobile into Mexico on  
official business?"

Neither the current appropriation bill making  
appropriations to the Texas College of Arts and Indus-  
tries and other educational institutions for the current  
biennium (H.B. 246, Acts 50th Leg. ch. 339, p. 649), nor  
any general law which we have been able to find, prohib-  
its the use of a state-owned automobile by an officer  
or employee of an educational institution when traveling  
without the State on institutional business.

Subsection 6 of House Bill 246, among other  
things provides: ". . . No travel shall be performed  
outside of the State, except upon the written consent of  
the school's board of regents or directors."

Therefore, it is the opinion of this office  
that there is no legal objection to an employee of the  
College using a state-owned automobile on a trip to Mex-  
ico on official business for the College, provided he  
obtains in advance the written consent of the Board of  
Directors of the College.

SUMMARY

An employee of Texas College of Arts & Industries may use a State-owned automobile on a trip to Mexico on official business for the College, provided he obtains in advance the written consent of its Board of Directors. Subsection 6 of H. B. 246, Acts 1947, 50th Legislature, at page 649.

Yours very truly

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