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TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - INFORMATION REGARDING FOOD COUPONS

REFERENCE: ACL 75-2, ACL 75-68

Redemption of Old Coupons

Previous instructions stated that old coupons may be redeemed by recipients until July 1, 1975 (ACL 75-2). However, due to the late arrival of new coupons, this deadline has been extended through August 31, 1975.

Coupon Requisitions

The third order of coupons, submitted during the week of April 21-25, should arrive at shipping points by May 31. All shipping points wishing to place a fourth order for a two-month supply should do so by May 23.

Government Bill of Lading - Consignee's Copy

We have recently been informed by FNS that their Management Services Division will discontinue mailing the consignee's copy of the Government Bill of Lading (GBL). Currently, shipping points receiving food coupons by armored car are receiving a blue copy of the GBL in addition to an Advice of Shipment (FNS-261) from American Banknote Company. To eliminate duplication in notifying shipping points of shipments, the blue copy of the GBL will no longer be mailed prior to shipment. Please notify Food Stamp Policy Coordination Bureau if you anticipate any problems as a result of this change.

Changes in Construction of New \$2 Books

Several changes will be made in the production of the new \$2 books. Instead of being stapled, the books will be glued in a process known as perfect bind. The perfect bind is similar to the bind at the top of a writing tablet. As a result of this gluing process, the stub will be eliminated. By eliminating the stub, the coupon book covers will be one-quarter of an inch shorter. However, the

coupons themselves will be the same size as the coupons in a stapled book. In addition to the above changes, a back cover will be added to the \$2 book to strengthen the bind.

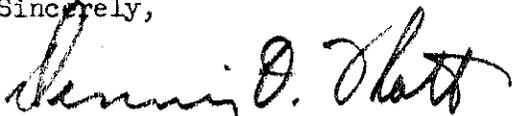
These new \$2 books are being used experimentally, and should they prove unsatisfactory, they will be discontinued. The Food Stamp Policy Coordination Bureau will appreciate any comments or complaints you may have about these books.

Usage of \$65 Coupon Books

We have been notified by FNS that the \$65 coupon book is not being used as frequently as it should. As you know, any decrease in the issuance of \$65 coupon books will artificially inflate the issuance of lower denomination coupon books. Please be sure that the \$65 coupon books are issued in compliance with the mix of books table.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Macaluso of the Food Stamp Policy Coordination Bureau at (916) 445-6907.

Sincerely,



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