TO: BOROUGH SUPERINTENDENTS

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SUBJECT: Places of Assembly: Acceptable Door Hardware
(Supercedes Departmental Memorandum dated October 4, 1976)

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It has been brought to our attention by the Fire
Department that some of our inspectors have been interpreting Section C26-604.4(j)(1) as to allow independent turn
knobs in addition to door knobs as acceptable door hardware
on egress doors in places assembly.

Accordingly, the Departmental Memo, dated October 4,
1976 is superceded as follows:

"3. Slide bolts, draw bolts, turn knobs or any
other bolts may only be used as an integral part
of approved panic hardware on required egress doors
readily openable from the inside in conformance
with Section C26-604.4(k)(2) when the premises is
occupied, and are of such design and condition to
preclude unauthorized entry from the outside."

Hereafter, when annual inspection of a place of assembly
discloses independent side bolts, draw bolts, turn knobs or
any other bolts, a violation is to be issued, citing Section
C26-604(j)(1)a, diligently prosecuted, and a copy sent to
the Fire Department. Further, in such instances, no place
of assembly permit renewal is to be issued, and referrals from
the Department of Consumer Affairs in conjunction with license
renewal are to be returned disapproved.

In all other respects, memorandums dated February 3, 1976 and
March 4, 1976, are to be adhered to.

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