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To Currier C. Holman, County Attorney, Franklin County

Re: Pardon Hearings

. . . In the Attorney General's office, I find that the position has been taken as I took it regarding Cumberland County cases while I was county attorney, that unless the Governor and Council asked our advice or assistance in pardon cases, we would not offer it. Under the law the governor and council have the right to ask for such assistance, in fact while I was county attorney, in one instance they voted to ask the county attorney of Cumberland County to present the cases adverse to the petitioner for pardon for murder, and I did so and the pardon was blocked.

Personally I feel that the ~~ex~~parte manner in which pardons are presented and frequently granted is a very real criticism on the administration of justice and of the pardoning power in this state, but here in this department it has been found clearly inadvisable to interfere with any suggestions regarding pardons except our assistance is requested by the pardoning power.

Clement F. Robinson
Deputy Attorney General