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October 26, 1939

Clifford A. Somerville, Chairman Haine Unemployment Compensation Commission Augusta, Maine

Dear Sirt

At a conference held in the office of Governor Barrows yesterday, at which you were present, we had a discussion concerning the suggestion made by certain officials of the Social Security Board that the Controller set up in the offices of your Commission facilities for writing checks on State funds.

As I understand the proposition it was for the adoption of a method of writing checks for your Commission which was wholly different from that now used by four office for the other departments of the State, and was to be under the control of a deputy appointed by the Controller.

As I advised you yesterday, I am of the opinion that under our present statutes the State Controller has no authority to appoint a deputy Controller to perform these functions, and I have so advised him.

Very truly yours,

Franz U. Burkett Attorney General

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