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February 14, 1940

Norman K. MacDonald  
Department Health and Welfare  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

I have discussed on several occasions, the status of the Indian Agent with Mr. Hayes of the Personnel Board, but as far as his appointment is concerned, I think it is still clear that he is to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council.

When section 2 of chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes was transferred to section 241 of chapter 1 of the Public Laws of 1933, the Department of Health and Welfare was granted general supervision over the Indian tribes, but if you will notice in the next section, section 242, the section providing for the appointment by the Governor and Council of the Agent, was re-enacted, and so it is my opinion that he should continue to be appointed as before.

Very truly yours,

Franz U. Parkett  
Attorney General

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