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February 13, 1941

Joseph A. Eldred, Esquire
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Joe:

Your letter of January 9th, addressed to the Governor, has been turned over to me for reply, and I will attempt to answer your questions in the order in which they are asked.

1. The question of whether or not the State shall be a self-insurer is, I believe, one of policy as well as one of dollars and cents. Whether or not the State would save by being a self-insurer is a question that I am not qualified to answer. I know that it is a question that has been given considerable study from time to time.

2. The problem of what to do with the Executive Council is one that the Legislature is considering at the present time and, of course, I would not want to express any opinion while it is being so considered.

3. If any moneys have been illegally paid to State employees during the last three months of the year 1940, adequate steps will be taken to recover them. I have consulted with the head of the Personnel Board in regard to this, and he tells me that all adjustments in salary were made in the ordinary course and on the recommendation of the Personnel Board itself.

I see that you are continuing your wholehearted interest in the affairs of the State. It is too bad there are not more citizens like you.

Very truly yours,

Frank I. Cowan
Attorney General

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