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February 19, 1941

Stuart Burgess, Esquire
County Attorney
Rockland, Maine

Dear Stuart:

I have your letter of February 18th, in regard to Dr. Morrell's bill.

Technically, I believe we have no State Pathologist with the duty of conducting investigations outside his office, or arising from matters not peculiarly within his province as head of the State Laboratory.

It is one of the ambitions of this office to get such a set-up of officials that we can have a State clearing house in criminal matters. In the meantime, since the legislature has not gone so far as that, any work that Dr. Morrell does outside of the routine of his laboratory is work for which he is entitled to pay just as Dr. Gottlieb, who has a salaried position in Lewiston, is entitled to pay for extra services performed.

I see nothing in your letter to indicate that Dr. Morrell was not justified in submitting a reasonable bill in the case of Frances Lunt.

Very truly yours,

Frank I. Cowan
Attorney General

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