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April 24, 1942

Frank I. Cowan, Attorney General

Frederick G. Payne, Comm'r of Finance

In re Expenditures of Potato Tax Moneys

Referring to your memo of April 22nd, I will reply to your queries in the order in which they appear:

1. Correct
2. Correct
3. Correct

In the last two lines of the first paragraph, you use the language: "if the Development Commission, together with the Potato Tax Committee, shall so desire." In my opinion the Potato Tax Committee has purely advisory powers. It has no veto on the Commission. I am not quite sure as to the meaning of your 2nd paragraph of your memo. It looks as though it may have a line left out by the stenographer, so I will withhold reply to that until I hear further from you.

If you strike out the words "and the Committee" from the first and sixth lines of the 3rd paragraph of your memo you will, in my opinion, have a correct interpretation of the law. As is stated above, the functions of the Committee are purely advisory and the Commission is the active agency.

Attorney General

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