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September 9, 1948

John S. S. Fessenden, Deputy Attorney General

George W. Carter, Adjutant General

I am returning, herewith, papers which you left in this office pertaining to the lease of the Stevens Avenue Armory.

In reviewing these papers, I notice that you referred to the signing of the leases while you were in the Bangor Hospital this spring. I may be mistaken, but I believe that the leases which you signed in the Bangor Hospital were the leases for Camp Keyes.

With reference to the lease of the Stevens Avenue Armory, you are advised that on May 29th, I looked over the Stevens Avenue Armory with Mr. Robert Hayward, the representative of the War Department, in order to arrive at an allocation of the space which was to be leased to the War Department. Representatives of the First Corps Area were present, as were also representatives of the Adjutant General's office, and it was then agreed that upon his return to Boston, Mr. Hayward would prepare the leases and send the same to us for execution. I judge from the attached papers that they were subsequently returned to you, but so far as the Attorney General's office is concerned, nothing further has been heard about the Stevens Avenue Armory matter until the present writing.

In connection with the material requested by Colonel Weart, you are advised that by authority of Chapter 308 of the Public Laws of 1939, approved June 27, 1940, the Governor of the State of Maine and the Adjutant General have authority to lease property of the State of Maine for the purpose of providing equipment, training facilities, suitable quarters for troops and supplies, and buildings and lands for military purposes when such acts are in furtherance of the establishing and coordinating national defense in the State of Maine and when done in cooperation with the Federal Government.

The foregoing information should be all the authority required by Colonel Weart's office and for that purpose I am including, herewith, an extra copy of this memorandum signed by myself, which copy you may use for transmittal to Colonel Weart.

When the War Department notifies us that the leases are in such form as is acceptable to them and are finally ready for completed execution, all copies should be returned to the State of Maine for the signature of the Governor.