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Frank A. Farrington
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November 4, 1942

Gerald T. Higgins
Advertising Manager
Lewiston Sun-Journal
Lewiston, Maine

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 22nd, addressed to Governor Sewall has been turned over to this department for reply.

It is correct that in order for a legal notice to be properly published it must be published in an English language paper. In connection with publication of insurance company statements, the law requires that insurance companies publish their statements in every county where they do business. Thus it would seem that one publication in a county in an English language newspaper would fulfill the statutory requirement. This does not mean that these statements cannot be published in a foreign language paper. However, publication in a foreign language paper, of itself, does not fulfill the requirement under the statute. The correspondence turned over by the Governor indicates that one local agency has published notices in the local French paper. If as to one or more of the companies concerned there has not been a publication in an English language newspaper, then that company, or those companies, have not met the legal requirements as to publication.

According to my understanding, the insurance department is conducting an investigation as to the exact facts in connection with these notices. Until that investigation has been completed we cannot know the exact situation.

Trusting that the above will straighten this matter out in your mind, I am

Very truly yours,

Frank A. Farrington
Deputy Attorney General

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