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February 17, 1943

Hon. Edward W. Wheeler  
Counsel, Northeast Airlines, Inc.  
Brunswick, Maine.

Dear Sir:

I note that Legislative Document No. 269, is a Resolve providing for a payment to Northeast Airlines, Inc. of the sum of \$956.68 in settlement of the refund of taxes on gasoline consumed by the airplanes of said Airlines.

As I recall the facts, the claim of the Airlines for refund was pending at the time the Legislature in Special Session in January, 1942, passed an emergency act, one of the provisions of which apparently took away from the State Tax Assessor the right of authorizing the refund. I suggested to you at that time that if a Resolve were put into the Legislature I would inform the Committee on Claims in regard to the facts, and that in my opinion it is only right and proper that this refund be authorized.

Inasmuch as I shall not be in a position to appear personally before the Committee next week, you have my permission to quote me to the effect that I believe this money should be repaid to Northeast Airlines, Inc..

Very truly yours,

Frank I. Cowan  
Attorney General

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