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April 22, 1943.

Mrs. Phyllis S. Fraser,
Director, Women's Personnel,
New England Shipbuilding Corporation,
South Portland, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Fraser,

This will acknowledge your letter of April 20th addressed to the Attorney General, relative to Section 23 of Chapter 54, R.S. 1930, as amended, with particular reference to the last sentence of that section.

This department cannot render official opinions to private individuals, being set up for the purpose of rendering legal advice and opinions to various State departments and department heads.

Unofficially, however, it would seem that the sentence concerning which you make inquiry is quite clear as to its intent. This intent seems to be to remove the application of the provisions of Sections 21, 24 and 25 of Chapter 54, R.S. 1930, to females who are working in an "executive, administrative, professional or supervisory capacity," which capacity seems reasonably clear, or to "females employed as personal office assistants to any person working in an executive, administrative, professional or supervisory capacity." Of course, such persons must receive a salary based on \$1200. a year. Generally speaking, it would seem likely that stenographers and secretaries would be most likely to qualify as personal office assistants; but if a clerical worker for some reason does qualify as such an assistant, then this section of the law might apply to such person.

In short, to make a general statement as to what workers are included does not seem feasible, and a study of each individual case would seem necessary before a conclusion can be reached.

Very truly yours,

Frank A. Farrington
Deputy Attorney General

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