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Harrison C. Greenleaf, Commissioner

John G. Marshall, Deputy

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Attorney General

Commitment of Juveniles

We have talked with Judge DeWolfe about these cases, and if your department will return to him the original mittimus in each case, he will correct them to conform with the provisions of the statute which now provides that unless the offense is aggravated or the child is of a vicious or unruly disposition, no court shall sentence or commit a child under the age of seventeen years to jail, reformatory, or prison. Our law provides that children under seventeen shall be held for juvenile delinquency in criminal cases, except those cases involving capital offenses.

Copies of the papers in these cases, which were enclosed with your memorandum of September 28th, are returned herewith.

John G. Marshall Deputy Attorney General

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