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To General George M. Carter, The Adjutant General  
Re: Registration of Soldier Voters Absent from the State

Replying to your memorandum regarding the right of the persons in the military services of the United States, your attention is directed to page 7 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, on which appears Section 4 of Article II, providing for the manner in which these persons, being otherwise qualified voters, may vote. It is my opinion that the words underlined indicate the necessity of having become registered in accordance with the laws of the State.

Congress has passed the so-called Ramsay Act, which is known as Public Law 712 of the 77th Congress. This permits members of the armed forces to vote regardless of any provision of State laws relating to the registration of qualified voters; but it would not affect the State's laws regulating State elections for purely State officials.

We are addressing a letter to Senator Wallace H. White, requesting copies of the Ramsay Act, so-called, and also inquiring about a proposed amendment to that Act, which would broaden the original law.

The Secretary of State of Maine has been notified about the method of voting under the so-called Ramsay Act, and it is suggested that you communicate with Mr. Goss, who will give you all the information and explanations he has on the subject.

John G. Marshall  
Deputy Attorney General

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