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To William D. Hayes, State Auditor
From Frank I. Cowan

Subject: Public Administrators

I have your memo of April 27th in regard to public administrators.

1) I think the \$5000. should be held in suspense until we have secured the small balance for which we have filed claims against the estate.

2) Mr. _____ books should be held until our above-mentioned actions are settled and should then be returned to his administrator or the executor of his will.

3) I have Mr. Napolitano working on the matter of getting the estates cleaned up.

4) I believe your audit has had all of the effect necessary in correcting any erroneous practices into which the public administrators may have fallen. I believe that the information you have furnished to the judges of probate will be of great value to them in handling future estates which should properly be taken care of by public administrators. I think it would be unwise to send copies of the report to the public administrators, because in the report there are suggestions in regard to fees which are sometimes based on what might be regarded as insufficient evidence, and I think it would be much wiser if copies are not broadcast.

Frank I. Cowan
Attorney General

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cc: Governor Sewall