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To Honorable Robert N. Haskell, Chairman, Maine Development Commission  
Re: Salary of Executive Secretary

I have been informed that you called at my office in my absence and wished me to advise you as to the proper procedure in regard to the increase in the salary of the Executive Secretary of the Development Commission, and I call your attention to Section 4 of Chapter 35, R. S. 1944, which provides that the Commission shall employ such assistants as are deemed necessary, subject to the provisions of the personnel law.

The Maine Development Commission, under paragraph 3 of Section 7 of Chapter 59, relating to the State personnel law, are in the unclassified service; but, I understand, the employees and assistants are in the classified service, and Section 10 of said Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes provides that salary adjustments within an established range shall not be automatic, but shall be dependent upon the specific recommendation of the appointing officer and receive the approval of the Director and Board. It does not, by statute, have to be approved by the Governor and Council.

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