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August 30, 1945

John C. Burnham, Administrative Assistant, State Highway Commission

I received your memo of August 3rd concerning our conversation at the Augusta House, wherein I stated that one of the representatives of the Waterville Poster Advertising Company had called me on the telephone and inquired about the legality of signs on the right of way along the State highways with Scripture quotations on same. You referred to these signs in your memo as "religious signs", and said you would like my opinion as to whether these signs are erected in violation of the Outdoor Advertising Law.

It is my opinion that if a permit was not given for the placing of these signs, by your department, they are illegally posted along our highways, and they are such that in my opinion they would endanger the safety of persons using said highways in the vicinity of these signs.

I am advising you to have your inspectors ascertain the names of the persons who erected these signs throughout the State close to our highways and who authorized the erection of the same; and after your investigation, will you please report to this office the names of the persons who erected the signs and whether or not your inspectors have seen and taken notice of any of these signs along our state highways.

Ralph W. Farris  
Attorney General

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