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To Laurence C. Upton, Chief, Maine State Police

Police Authority - Motor Vehicle Cases - C. C. C. Roads

I received your memo of January 15th relating to police authority over motor vehicles on C. C. C. roads. It is my opinion that these roads are being used by the taxpayers of Maine with vehicles registered and licensed under the State of Maine, or other States, and in my opinion this would be considered a public road, and you have the same authority as you would on any other public highway in Maine. My advice is for you to continue to enforce the motor vehicle laws on these highways built with C. O. G. Funds. In spite of the fact that the federal government or the municipalities have contributed funds to the construction of these roads, yet the fact remains that these are still public highways, they are used by the public, and they are subject to the motor vehicle laws of the State of Maine.

> Ralph W. Farris Attorney General

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