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February 19, 1946

To John E. Willey, Chairman  
Maine Aeronautics Commission

. . . In reply to your letter of February 16th regarding the right of the Commission to terminate the services of the aeronautical director appointed by the Commission under Section 6 of Chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes.

This section provides, so far as here pertinent,

"The commission may appoint an aeronautical director to serve at its pleasure."

Such a provision, it has consistently been held, means that the person holding the position holds the same at the will of the appointing power and may be dismissed without notice of hearing.

Abraham Breitbard,  
Deputy Attorney General

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In my haste I overlooked the present employee's status as a veteran. The G. I. Bill provides that a restored veteran may not be discharged without cause within one year after restoration. This provision is applicable to both private employment and federal employment. While private employment would not include a sovereign State, I think, however, that the Commission should act with caution. Certainly the officers of the State government would be in no position to urge the citizens of the State to furnish jobs to discharged veterans, if at the same time it was itself acting contrary to what it was asking its citizens to do.

Abraham Breitbard