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April 17, 1946

To Earle R. Hayes, Secretary, Employees' Retirement System
Re: Status of Employees of Maritime Academy

I received your memo of April 12th, asking my opinion as to the status of the employees of the Maine Maritime Academy at Castine. You ask my opinion as to whether or not the employees of said academy are eligible to become members of the State Employees' Retirement System.

In reply, I will say that this is a private corporation created by Chapter 37, P&SL 1941, as the Maine Nautical Training School, and the name was changed by Chapter 102 of the P&SL of 1941 to the Maine Maritime Academy, which academy has the same rights and privileges as corporations organized under the general laws. It is my opinion that its employees are not eligible to become members of the State Retirement System without legislative authority.

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