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To Francis J. McCabe, Warden, Maine State Prison

Due to the pressure of matters pending in the office which required considerable investigation, I put aside your letter. . . This deals with property accumulated over a period of years, consisting of furniture owned by private individuals, on which repairs were made in the prison workshop. Your inquiry concerns the disposition of this property, where in some cases the owners cannot be identified and in others the owners failed to pay the charges and obtain the furniture.

I think that this will require some legislation, in order to do it so as to remove liability of those who participate in the disposition of this property. I wish you would give me an idea of the value and quantity of the accumulated furniture. I will then convey this information to the Research Committee and ask them to introduce legislation which will enable the State to dispose of the same after a fixed period of time, when the owner does not redeem the property by paying the charges.

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