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To H. H. Harris, State Controller
Re: Payment on Contract for School Building

I hereby advise you that you may honor the bill of the Paine Company for \$1945.00, which represents 50% of the contract price for the installation of the heating equipment in the schools at Brownfield and Newfield. These bills appear to have been approved by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, as well as the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of Education, under whose supervision the schools are being erected.

Doubt has arisen in your department as to the propriety of the payment of these bills, in view of the fact that the contract was not let out to public bidding.

I think that the statute applies only to State buildings. As these are municipal buildings and the State aid is in the emergency created by the recent fires, I feel that these bills can be paid.

Abraham Breitbard
Deputy Attorney General

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