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Bryant L. Hopkins, Secretary
State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers

I have your letter of April 5th in which you state that at a recent meeting of the Board you were instructed to request an opinion from me as to whether or not architects registered in Maine, but not exempt, may do structural design within this State without qualifying as professional engineers.

It is my opinion that architects registered under the Maine law may do structural design in this State without qualifying as professional engineers.

I want to state, however, that your letter does not lay the foundation for answering this question so that one can correctly draw the line between architects and professional engineers. If you care to have a studied and considered opinion I would thank you to send me some of the facts about what the architects registered under the Maine law are doing in the way of structural design in this State. In other words, when do the architects' duties cease and the professional engineers' begin in structural design work? . .

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