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October 12, 1948

To Col. Francis J. McCabe, Chief, Maine State Police
Re: Juvenile Records

I have your memo of October 11th, stating that you are receiving numerous requests from the Armed Services of the United States for file checks by the State Bureau of Identification, some of which involve juvenile records, and you would appreciate my opinion concerning the legality of releasing this information to the Armed Services.

In reply I will say that the records of juvenile cases shall not be open to inspection by the public except by permission of the court. In my opinion, furnishing the record of an applicant for enlistment, or under the Selective Service Act, would not be opening the records to inspection by the public, and the State Police should cooperate with the Armed Services in regard to furnishing records of any particular case, which is considered confidential by the Federal Government department requesting same.

Ralph W. Farris
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