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STATE OF MAINE

R E P O R T

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years

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Inasmuch as the legislature has appropriated these funds for the purposes of investigating and causing to be investigated the origin of fires and inspecting buildings and property, it is improper for the Department of Health and Welfare to transfer from its appropriation 7230, which is for the administration of that department, to the Insurance Department the amount of \$652; and I am advising the State Controller to take care of this by reversing this transfer, so that the records will disclose that this money was paid from the tax on gross premiums on fire insurance companies doing business in Maine.

In the future, while this statute is in effect, do not charge departments for expenses incurred for investigations and inspections by your department.

RALPH W. FARRIS
Attorney General

March 25, 1949

To H. H. Harris, State Controller

I hereby authorize you to make a journal transfer from the Insurance Department to the Health and Welfare appropriation No. 7230 for the sum of \$652, which was transferred by the Health and Welfare Department to the Insurance Department in December, 1948, for expenses incurred in investigation and inspection by the Insurance Department, as per copy of a memo to the Insurance Commissioner which I attach hereto.

RALPH W. FARRIS
Attorney General

March 28, 1949

To David H. Stevens, Commissioner of Health and Welfare

I acknowledge receipt of your memo dated March 16, 1949, addressed to Members of the Sanitary Water Board, indicating that you have caused to be withdrawn Legislative Document No. 807, and that the Department of Health and Welfare, upon the recommendation of the Surgeon General, is designated as the State water pollution agency for the purpose of receiving federal funds.

I also acknowledge receipt of a copy of a letter written to you on March 14th by the Federal Security Agency and signed by Leonard W. Trager, Regional Drainage Basin Engineer, Public Health Service.

I agree with the U. S. Public Health Service that the Sanitary Water Board, because of the provisions of statute exempting certain rivers, is not in a position to enforce a state-wide pollution program and therefore would not be in a position to accept federal funds for this purpose.

RALPH W. FARRIS
Attorney General