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No

July 24, 1951

To Earle R. Hayes, Secretary, Maine State Retirement System  
Re: Agreement for Coverage of State and Local Employees

Your memo of July 17, 1951 has been received by this office. Attached to your memo were drafts of an agreement furnished by the Social Security Agency for "Coverage of State and Local Employees", an agreement developed by you relative to "Coverage of Local Employees", and an agreement between "State Agency" and "Political Subdivision", to be examined by this office.

The draft developed for the purpose of entering into an agreement as between your State Agency and the Federal Social Security Administrator for the most part appears to be in proper form. However, as Paragraph (E), "Modification", provides that this agreement will be modified at the request of the State to include political subdivision or coverage groups, or both, in addition to those political subdivisions listed in the appendix (which appendix includes Counties, Cities, and Towns, with some excluded services mentioned), we feel it would be wise, in order that no modification need be immediately requested, after the agreement is entered into, that such instrumentalities as are defined by our definition of political subdivision (Section 2, Chapter 395, Public Laws, 1951) should be included in the agreement between your Agency and the Social Security Administrator. Thus under (A) Definitions - (1), the words, "University of Maine, academies, water, sewer and school districts and associations of municipalities" should be included. As we stated, it is felt that the inclusion of these instrumentalities in the definitions may avoid the necessity of a modification of the contract in the future.

We are of the opinion that the other drafts are in proper form. . .

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