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

In your memo of October 2, 1951, relative to juvenile records, you quoted from a memo written by Ralph W. Farris, October 12, 1948, part of which seems to have been incorporated word for word into Chapter 147 of the Public Laws of 1951, viz.: "The records of juvenile cases shall not be open to inspection by the public except by permission of the court."

Mr. Farris then stated that it was his opinion that disclosing such juvenile records to the Armed Forces, the records being considered confidential, was not opening those records to inspection by the public.

Please be advised that Mr. Farris's opinion of October 12, 1948, is re-affirmed by this office in all respects.

> James G. Frost Assistant Attorney General

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