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To: Honorable Frederick G. Payne Governor of Maine
From: J. G. Frost, Deputy Attorney General Dept; Attorney General
Re: Law Violation at Sporting Camp

With referencne to our conversation of several days ago, in which you related the history of complaints concerning the owner of a sporting lodge who offered deer for sale to his patrons and about whom you expressed some concern, it is the opinion of this office that it is perfectly proper to employ the services of a New York or other out-of-State game warden to come to Maine, ostensibly to be a patron of the aforesaid sporting camp.

We do believe that an offer on the part of such a warden to the owner of the camp to purchase a deer would be so closely approaching entrapment as to be thrown out by the courts in the State of Maine. There would be, however, other methods which the warden could use which would be fully as effective and which would be within the law.

We would suggest that the county attorney of the county in which the camp is situated should be conferred with and that the warden should work under his advice, as he will ultimately have to prosecute.

Probably other complaints about that same camp owner can be resolved at the same time.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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