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To Earle R. Hayes, Secretary, Maine State Retirement System  
Re: Social Security Agreement - City of Biddeford

This office has your memo of January 7, 1953, in which you state that a Social Security Agreement was filed with your agency by the City of Biddeford for the purpose of covering the employees of that City under the provisions of the Social Security Act. You ask if, in the face of the current litigation for the position of Mayor in that City, you should accept such an Agreement signed by Louis B. Lausier, Mayor, or await the outcome of that litigation, the result of which will determine who is Mayor of the City of Biddeford.

It is the opinion of this office that, though Louis B. Lausier is probably de facto Mayor, you should hold the Agreement in abeyance until such time as our court determines the rightful Mayor.

It would be better at this time, when we are aware of the dispute as to who should be Mayor of Biddeford, not to risk any possible attack against the Agreement because of the capacity of a signer of the Agreement, but to wait for a time when we are certain the Agreement has been signed by a person legally acting in the capacity of Mayor.

James G. Frost  
Deputy Attorney General

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