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To Allan L. Robbins, Warden, Maine State Prison
Re: Prisoner's Funds

I have your memorandum relative to a prisoner's funds and I have read the statute involved, Chapter 23, Section 47.

To my mind, this section never contemplated that prisoners would receive money after their entrance into the prison. We know, however, that they do receive money from outside sources and from the ~~sale~~ sale of prison-made novelties. We also realize that there must be some control over the funds received, in order to keep order in the prison. However, the statute does not seem to cover the point. It would seem only proper that you handle these funds in the same manner as you handle the property received when prisoners enter the prison.

In view of the above I would handle the funds of Ralph Roux in the same way you have been handling them. If Brother Cratty doesn't like it, we shall just have to see what he can do about it.

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