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To George C. West, Assistant Attorney General, Health and Welfare  
Re: Compulsory Quarantine for Tuberculosis (State v. Howard Swett).

I am returning to you copy of the petition to commit Howard Swett (to sanatorium), copy of the demurrer filed by his counsel, original of my memorandum of law, to which a photostate of the Florida statute is attached, and copies which do not have photo-stats of the Florida law attached as I had only one made. If you want more of them, I think you can get them made at the Secretary of State's office. The purpose of the photostat is merely to allow comparison of the Florida statute analyzed in the Florida case mentioned in the memorandum with our statute.

You will find that the memorandum is rather brief, and I think that the Florida case is decisive of the point, and our Maine cases certainly buttress that position. In my research the only case on compulsory quarantine that I could find was this Florida case.

I trust that this memorandum will be of some assistance to you. You will not find too much law, or any law, on the second point raised in the demurrer, as I believe it has very little merit and did not search for law on that point.

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Assistant Attorney General

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