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To Norman U. Greenlaw, Commissioner of Institutional Service  
Re: Admission or re-admission, children of former residents

This is in response to your memo relative to the children of the Hutchins family, now residing in Connecticut, and their status with respect to entrance or continuance in Pownal State School.

It appears that George Hutchins, minor child of Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchins of Hartford, Connecticut (formerly of Maine), has never been in Pownal and that request is made that he be entered in that school.

It is our opinion that under the statutes George would not be eligible for entrance into the institution.

Ronald Hutchins, a patient of the school, was sent on a prolonged visit to his parents on September 9, 1951. Subsequent to that date the family moved to Connecticut, taking Ronald with them.

Relative to the question of returning Ronald to the institution, while it would appear that under our statutes jurisdiction of Ronald is still retained, his return to the school should be a matter of discretion with the department, whereas the family is now in Connecticut and evidently intends to remain there. We do not attempt to state whether or not Ronald must or must not be returned to the institution.

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Deputy Attorney General

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