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April 11, 1956

To Honorable Edmund S. Muskie, Governor of Maine  
Re: Function of the Attorney General re Civil Defense

Dear Ed,

I have your letter of April 11th, requesting that I serve as a member of the Maine Evacuation Area Survival Planning Advisory Committee.

It appears that I am not eligible as any of the persons or classes enumerated in the agreement, in that I am not the Director of the Maine Civil Defense and Public Safety agency, a county or local Civil Defense director, or a representative of industry, commerce or education.

It also occurs to me that, should any dispute arise between the State and the Federal Government as a result of this agreement, it might be embarrassing to have me as a member of the committee appointed under the provisions of the agreement. This office has considered the Civil Defense agency to come within the category of State boards and commission within the meaning of Sections 1 and 5 of Chapter 20, R. S. 1954, so as to be entitled to the services of this office. We will be glad to be of such further assistance as we can on this basis and believe that we can in this way serve the purpose you had in mind in requesting that I act as a member of the committee.

Thanking you,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank F. Harding  
Attorney General

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