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To Joseph Holman, Esquire, County Attorney Ra: Eligibility of Alien

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 16, 1956, with regard to the right of a practising physician to hold the office of Medical Examiner although he is not naturalized and is still a Canadian citizen.

We call your attention to Section 5 of Chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1954 and the last sentence thereof, which states:

"All such officers so appointed and all state employees shall be citizens of the United States of America."

In view of this statute we will have to answer your inquiry in the negative.

Roger A. Putnam Assistant Attorney General

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