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March 14, 1957

To John R. Dyer, State Purchasing Agent
Re: Fair Trade Contracts

We have your memo stating:

"There recently came to my attention an opinion of the Comptroller General of the United States in March, 1949 which stated substantially that a retailer who offers to fill a government contract at a price below that established by Fair Trade Contracts cannot withdraw his bids after acceptance; that there is no duty upon contracting officers of the government to determine whether prices quoted by bidders conform to Fair Trade Contracts.

"It would be appreciated if you would advise this office is the above opinion applies to State contracts and procurement policies."

This will advise that at the time we wrote our opinion of August 12, 1954, it was written with full knowledge of the opinion of the Comptroller General to which you refer.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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