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**STATE OF MAINE**

**REPORT**

**OF THE**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**for the calendar years**  
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(This Chapter amended our Social Security law, Chapter 65, section 1, Revised Statutes of 1954.) In our opinion that meant that the Academy must, as did other such instrumentalities, have such a separateness of identity as would bring it within the definition of "political subdivision" as set out in Chapter 65, section 2, Revised Statutes, 1954.

The assumption by the Academy of the costs of participation in the Maine Retirement System achieves a separateness required by the Social Security Act, and we are of the opinion that under such circumstances the Academy is qualified to participate in the Social Security program.

JAMES GLYNN FROST  
Deputy Attorney General

December 7, 1959

To: Carleton L. Bradbury, Commissioner of Banks and Banking

Re: Conversion of a State chartered savings and loan association to Federal charter

In my opinion, the language of Section 169, Chapter 59, is not sufficiently broad to allow a state chartered savings and loan association to convert to a Federal charter.

There is no specific authority given under the Maine Banking Laws relating to loan and building associations for such conversion to a Federally chartered association, such as is the case with trust companies (Section 145 through 149, Chapter 59).

Therefore, it would appear there is no present method of conversion of a Maine loan and building association to a Federal charter. If the Department of Banks and Banking has no objection to this principle, it might properly be a subject for amending legislation.

STANLEY R. TUPPER  
Assistant Attorney General

December 10, 1959

To: Perry D. Hayden, Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections

Re: Chapter 242, Public Laws 1959

I have your request for an opinion regarding whether or not the following are confidential under Chapter 242, Public Laws 1959:

- (a) decisions of the parole board in respect to the parole of a prisoner
- (b) date of parole eligibility of prisoners
- (c) the time and place of parole release

A further request has been received concerning your authority to provide the State Police with the name and place of persons on parole.

It is my opinion that the decisions of the parole board which include the date of eligibility for parole of prisoners, information used by the