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February 23, 1965

Honorable Burton G. Shiro
Chairman, Committee on Legal Affairs
Senate Chamber
Augusta, Maine

Dear Senator Shiro:

In connection with your committee's deliberations on L.D.'s 91 and 534, you have requested an opinion as to whether Hungry Island is located within the boundaries of the town of Bremen or of the town of Waldoboro.

Bristol was incorporated in 1765. The description in the act of incorporation describes the mainland boundaries as running "as the shore lies." It also included "all the islands lying within six miles from the main-land to the south, between the aforementioned river Damariscotta and Pemaquid Point." This description does not include the islands (including Hungry) which lie easterly of the mainland.

Bristol was divided, and the town of Bremen incorporated, in 1828. Bremen's easterly boundary was described as running down the channel of the easterly branch of Broad Cove to the mouth of Broad Cove; "thence easterly so as to include Long Island and Hog Island." This somewhat ambiguous boundary line seems to exclude Hungry Island which lies easterly of both named islands.

Waldoboro, lying northerly of Bremen, was incorporated in 1773. Its southerly boundaries were described as running by the shore, and no islands were included within its boundaries. Subsequently, Johnson Island was set off to it from Bremen.

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The westerly boundary of Friendship runs "by the sea shore", and thus excludes Hungry Island.

It thus appears, from all available information, that Hungry Island was not included within the boundaries of any of the adjoining towns.

Very truly yours,

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