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**Interpretation of Special Mobile Equipment as Applied to
Registration of Dump Trucks**

Reference is made to my opinion of September 30, 1963. It is necessary to make a modification or explanation of the opinion.

It appears that there is now in general use by many road or highway contractors pieces of large equipment. These pieces of equipment are Special Mobile Equipment within the definition of former section 1, chapter 22. Although they may be loosely referred to as "dump trucks" they are not such within the meaning of the Motor Vehicle Laws. They are oversize and cannot be operated upon the highways under a regular registration. They must have the special permit provided for under sections 16 and 98.

It was not intended that such Special Mobile Equipment be considered "dump trucks" within my opinion of September 30, 1963. Such pieces of equipment are not "dump trucks."

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