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Release of List of State Hospital Employees

This is in reply to your question as to whether or not your office may release a listing of State Hospital employees to a labor union organizer or any other private party.

Title 5, section 1546 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated provides that:

" § 1546. Records open to public inspection

"The books, accounts, vouchers, affidavits and other records and papers in the office of the State Controller relating to the public business shall be open for inspection to the citizens of this State at all reasonable times and for all proper purposes."

In light of the above statute, it is my opinion that you are required to make the aforementioned personnel listing available for inspection upon receipt of a proper request. Whether or not you provide a copy of such records is within your discretion.

HNS:H

Harry N. Starbranch  
Assistant Attorney General