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May 3, 1968

The Honorable Samuel A. Hinds
67 Granby Road
South Portland, Maine

Dear Sam:

I have your letter of May 2 addressed to the Attorney General. The fact that you are a member of the Research Committee is immaterial relative to accepting the position of Legislative Finance Officer.

I would call to your attention Article IV, Part Third, Section 10 of the Maine Constitution. This section reads as follows:

"No Senator or Representative shall, during the term for which he shall have been elected, be appointed to any civil office of profit under this State, which shall have been created, or the emoluments of which increased during such term, except such offices as may be filled by elections by the people."

The records show that the emoluments of this office were increased by the 103rd Legislature of which you are a member. You, therefore, are not eligible for this office during your present term.

Very truly yours,

George C. West
Deputy Attorney General

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