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Frederick B. Meservey
Waldo County Sheriff
Belfast, Maine

Dear Sheriff Meservey:

This morning I had a telephone call from a person inquiring about the situation of a Deputy Sheriff or Constable being a Notary Public. I advised him that a Deputy Sheriff could not be both. He told me that there were several deputies in your department who held commissions as Notaries Public or Justices of the Peace. I do not know whether this is true or not.

I am enclosing herewith some correspondence from our files which indicates that such a situation is not permitted. I might also add that whichever appointment is the latest constitutes an automatic resignation from the former office. I feel you should be aware of this so that you may advise any of your deputies who may be trying to hold both offices.

Very truly yours,

George C. West
Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosure