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May 8, 1969

Mr. Richard E. Kierstead  
Box 454  
Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04538

Dear Mr. Kierstead:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 29 asking additional information concerning conflict of interest of a local Town Clerk.

I have talked with Mr. Barter on the telephone. He advised me that he has officially resigned as Deputy Sheriff so that part of the matter has been adjusted.

I have advised him that if he wishes to hold commissions as Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, he should make a new application as he is no longer a Notary or a Justice. He was surprised and knew nothing about such a requirement in relation to being a Deputy Sheriff and Notary or Justice. He will be reapplying for a commission in the near future.

There is nothing illegal, as far as I can find, about a Town Clerk and a County Commissioner holding the two jobs. I can find no conflict of interest in those two positions. I have so advised Mr. Barter verbally.

Very truly yours,

George C. West  
Deputy Attorney General

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