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October 1, 1971

Mr. Ralph Amerigan  
Cumberland County Commissioner  
142 Federal Street  
Portland, Maine 04111

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of September 16 which has been referred to me by the Attorney General. In this letter you asked the question if any incompatibility exists in serving as a County Commissioner and a City Councilor of Portland.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which I wrote to the City Attorney relative to the same question in Ellsworth, Maine. My conclusion in that case and in yours is that there is incompatibility between the two positions.

I would further conclude as indicated in that letter that at the present time, and since January 1, 1971, you have not been a member of the Portland City Council.

At the time I wrote the April 4, 1968 letter, I did not attempt to go into a number of details concerning conflicts, which I could have. I felt that in pointing out a few instances it would suffice. If necessary, I could probably go into greater detail as to other bases for ruling that the two positions are incompatible.

Very truly yours,

George C. West  
Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Robert W. Donovan, Esquire  
Enclosure