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December 22, 1971

Honorable Richard W. Logan  
Executive Councilor  
York and Oxford Counties  
York, Maine 03909

Dear Mr. Logan:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 21, 1971, asking if a person who holds the office of Trustee of the Maine Maritime Academy may be a member of the Maine Legislature. The answer to this question is in the negative.

Attached hereto are copies of two rulings on incompatibility made by this office concerning similar subjects. One is relation to a Trustee of the University of Maine being in the Legislature. In this we ruled that the positions would be incompatible. The other opinion relates to an instructor at the Maine Maritime Academy being ineligible to be a member of the Legislature.

The same reasoning that was used in both of these cases would apply to your question. The Maine Maritime Academy by Private and Special Laws of 1947, Chapter 24, is an agency of the State for the purpose for which it was established. In other words, Maine Maritime Academy bears the same relationship to state government as does the University of Maine.

Very truly yours,

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