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John Kendrick, Assistant

Your Memo of June 29, 1972

Indian Affairs

Attorney General

QUESTION I. You have asked whether it is permissible to use the Multi-Purpose Buildings Bond Issue proceeds, in whole or in part, for furnishings for these buildings.

Such use is permissible. Chapter 118 of the Private and Special Laws of 1971 provides in Section 1 that the Tunds may be used for equipment and furnishings for the Militarys as well as for construction of the buildings themselves.

QUESTION II. You have asked whether it is permissible for the Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority to use a part of the Water and Sewage Facilities Bond Issue proceeds for legal fees and acquiring rights of way.

So long as such legal fees and right of way acquisition expenses are a necessary part of the water and sewage facilities projects, use of the funds for their payment is permissible.

QUESTION III. You have asked whether it is permissible for the Penobscot Tribal Reservation Housing Authority to use a part of the \$63,000 Appropriation from General Fund Surplus (designated for water and sewerage facilities at Penobscot Reservation) for legal fees and right of way acquisition costs.

Same answer as for Question II--The legal fees and right of way expenses must be necessary to the accomplishment of the project.

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