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November 25, 1974

Mr. James McGregor
40 Robinson Gardens
Lewiston, Maine

Dear Mr. McGregor:

This letter supplements my earlier correspondence to you of November 21, 1974. The reason for this letter is to make certain that we are understood to have expressed that the decision to have the Governor sworn into office at a place in Augusta other than the State House is a Legislative decision. This was intimated in the fourth paragraph of the earlier letter where it is stated that should the inauguration of the Governor occur at a place in Augusta outside the State House, both Houses would have to concur in such an arrangement.

Should the Legislature decide to meet in joint session at an alternative location in Augusta, for example the Civic Center, for the purpose of having the Governor sworn into office, and if the Legislature gave as its reason the desire to accommodate the public, a person who later challenged action of the Governor in court would, in our opinion, probably not be successful. We anticipate the court would rule the issue was a matter for Legislative decision.

Sincerely,

JON A. LUND
Attorney General

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