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Mr. Daniel E. Lambert  
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Department Hdq.  
119 Main Street  
Waterville, Maine 04901

Dear Comrade Lambert:

This is in reply to your letter of November 4, concerning the use of a special Bicentennial commemorative license plate of the American Legion, which have been distributed under the direction of the National Commander for use on vehicles around the nation.

I am sorry to hear that a legion member has been fined for carrying a Legion Bicentennial plate, and that others have been stopped on the highways and given warnings. Had this conviction occurred in Maine, the statutes involved would have been 29 M.R.S.A. § 106, containing the display requirements and § 2183 for the penalty provision, copies of which I enclose.

The Maine State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission obtained permission to have its special plate displayed by P.&S. L. 1973, ch. 171, a copy of which I enclose. The Legion may desire to obtain an emergency bill for Maine at this upcoming special session of the Legislature. You may also wish to consider a conference with the State Police and Director of Motor Vehicles to see if consideration could be given for attachment of the Legion plate on the front of vehicles, but not in place of the front registration plate. The power to remove the front plate is a special feature of the special law I have enclosed.

I wish you every success.

Sincerely yours,

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