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	Inter-Departmental Memorandum Date October 23, 1979			
To	Lee Tibbs, Director	Dept	Baxter State Park Authority	
11.05	Sarah Redfield, Assistant	Dept	Attorney General	
Subject	Contributions for Park History		·	

This is in response to your oral request for advice as to how to proceed to accept donations for possible publication of the Baxter Park history. This advice is supplementary to that provided in an opinion to you dated August 25, 1977, concerning the Baxter State Park Authority's acceptance of grants from the federal government or private organizations to finance educational programs in the Park. (A copy of this opinion is attached for your information.

As long as the Park Authority has determined that acceptance of donations for the publication of the Park history is consistent with the August 25, 1977 opinion, the procedure to be followed seems to be fairly straightforward. As you are aware, the Governor's Office is authorized to accept, in the name of the State, any and all gifts, bequests, grants or conveyances to the State of Maine pursuant to Title 2 M.R.S.A. § 5. Dick Ericson, in Rod Scribner's office, indicates that this may best be accomplished by your having Pete Madeira prepare an order increasing revenues under a given appropriation number and asking the State Controller to isolate and use these funds only for the intended purpose. The request to the State Controller should be accompanied by a copy of a memo to the Governor's Office (David Flanagan) indicating the nature of the donations involved and the limitations to be placed on their use. It is my understanding that once the Governor has accepted the donation, the financial order will be processed allotting the funds to the Baxter State Park Authoritys existing operating account subject to the limitations previously discussed.

If you should have further questions, please feel free to call or contact Dick Ericson directly. His number is 289-2881.

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