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The Honorable John Melcher, Chairman Select Committee on Indian Affairs United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Melcher:

I have reviewed the letters from the Attorney General, Richard Cohen, dated August 19, 1980, and August 21, 1980, relating to S. 2829. I concur in these letters. They reflect my understanding, as chairman of the Maine Legislature's Joint Select Committee on Indian Land Claims, when we considered the Maine Implementing Act and the accompanying draft federal legislation.

I hope you will adopt the clarifications proposed in those letters.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel W. Collins, Jr.

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