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Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell
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Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Attorney General Cullen asked that I respond to your letter dated September 23, 1997. In that letter you have asked the Attorney General to address a particular phrase in a 1935 contract between the Commonwealth and the Hiners.

A review of the materials you mailed with your September 3, 1997 letter (in particular, page 501-504) demonstrates that your concerns involve issues related to what may amount to a private cause of action. Accordingly, I would suggest that you consult with private counsel.

As I mentioned in my previous reply, a letter which you referenced, the Office of the Attorney General is the law firm for the various state agencies of the Commonwealth, accordingly, we are unable to assist you in this matter.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Baer", written over a large, sweeping flourish.

Stephen U. Baer
Assistant Attorney General