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Director, State of Maine Civilian Defense Corps.

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May 19, 1944

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Mr. Louis P. Gagne
26 Webster Street
Lewiston, Maine

Dear Mr. Gagne:

I have your resignation as Blackout Chairman of May 16. Inasmuch as the Army has taken the matter of blackouts out of the hands of State Authorities to such an extent that the office of Blackout Chairman as originally created by the Office of Civilian Defense, Washington, no longer seems necessary, it may be just as well to accept your resignation.

When the Blackout Chairmen were originally appointed they were to be used as Staff Officers to assist citizens in complying with the blackout regulations. We greatly appreciate the considerable time and effort you devoted to making blackouts effective in the City of Lewiston. Once people became familiar with blackouts, the duties of a Blackout Chairman became largely negligible, except possibly for violaters who might need or receive assistance.

In more recent months since the public and the protective personnel have been educated, there is little need for a Blackout Chairman as such.

More recently, the Army has reduced the number of blackouts and has assumed the responsibility of ordering them and the conditions under which they will be held. In fact, the matter has been taken largely out of the hands of the State Headquarters both as to when they shall be held and who will participate or who will be excused. None of us, therefore, have much to say in the matter.

Again I wish to thank you for the time and effort you devoted to Civilian Defense and to express to you our appreciation for your part in making blackouts effective in Lewiston.

Very truly yours,

F. H. Farnum

Director

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