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### RESOLUTION

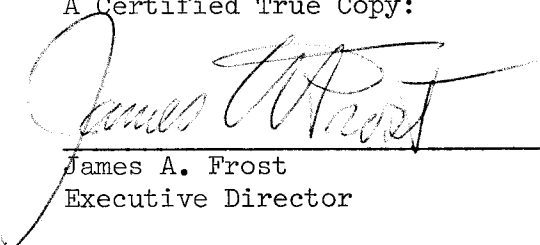
concerning

BRENDAN J. KENNEDY

March 10, 1978

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- WHEREAS, The City of New Britain has a claim against the State, and
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A Certified True Copy:

  
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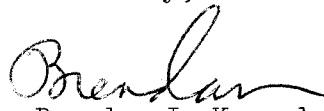
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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
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Assistant to the  
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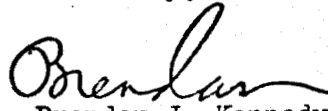
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## Kennedy asks out of dispute

By BOB CONRAD

HARTFORD — State auditors suggested today that New Britain's council leader — who also works for the state — stay out of a dispute over a \$1.3 million claim against his city, but Brendan J. Kennedy was one jump ahead of them.

Kennedy, who is executive secretary to the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges, had already asked permission to remove himself from any potential involvement in the case.

A resolution filed at Kennedy's request may be acted on Friday by the board. "I could foresee a possible conflict," he said today, "and I have no intention of letting that happen."

The state has its claim against the city over money it says is due for the now-suspended "laboratory" program run by the state at the Stanley School, which occupies one

corner of the Central Connecticut State College campus.

The city has money in escrow to apply toward satisfying the claim if the state wins its case in court. The case is expected to be argued in June.

Meanwhile, however, the auditors discovered Kennedy's dual role as an employe of the college trustees and as Democratic Majority Leader on the Common Council in New Britain.

The auditors sent a letter to Gov. Ella T. Grasso last week calling her attention to Kennedy's status as a ranking employe with the trustees and as a political leader in the city.

The auditors, Democrat Leo V. Donohue and Henry J. Becker, also noted that Kennedy was president of the New Britain Board of Education prior to his election to the council.

"To the best of our knowledge, Mr. Kennedy has had no involvement in the state's negotiations with the City of New Britain in this matter," they wrote to the governor. "We in no way imply and suggest impropriety on Mr. Kennedy's part."

The auditors recommended, however, that the trustees "be directed" to make sure that Kennedy takes no part in this case.

Kennedy said he had written just such a letter to the trustees and neither has played any part nor intends to as the arguments are prepared by city and state.

The Stanley School was phased out of the "laboratory" class by the state last year. It is vacant and boarded up. The college is interested in acquiring the building to help relieve its need for more space.

Reed

March 13, 1978

The Honorable Ella T. Grasso  
Governor, State of Connecticut  
State Capitol  
Hartford, CT 06115

Dear Governor Grasso:

It had come to the attention of Mr. Brendan Kennedy that his position in our Central Office and the elective positions he holds in New Britain could give the appearance of a conflict of interest. For this reason and at Mr. Kennedy's request the Trustees passed the enclosed Resolution at their meeting on March 10.

Sincerely,

James A. Frost  
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. L. J. Davidson  
Mr. L. V. Donohue  
Mr. H. J. Becker, Jr.



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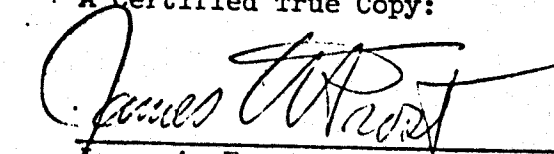
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