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Awards I think it best that you should bring the matter up before the Board and secure the assent of the Board to the assignment. It will also be necessary to notify the Comptroller of the assignment so that the vouchers can be made out under the assignment.

The policy of the city, in the past, has been against permitting assignments of contracts. I return the papers which you forwarded with your letter.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

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File No. 9680.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Baltimore, March 3, 1909.

Hon. Edgar Allan Poe,  
City Solicitor.

My Dear Mr. Poe:-

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Enclosed find copy of Ordinance No. 249, approved February 1, 1909. You will see that it provides for an appropriation to be paid annually to the Playgrounds Association. A very pretty question has arisen inside of the Playgrounds Association, which has resulted in an appeal to this office to know the Association's rights in the matter.

The general contention is that this money can be used for no other purpose than the bona fide maintenance of an actual playground. Some of the Association have proposed to use part of the funds with the view of conducting kindergarten purposes in certain localities where playgrounds are not situated. Inasmuch as kindergarten work hardly seems to be directly associated with the popular opinion as to what constitutes playground work, it would seem that this diversion of the funds according to the opinion of some would be both improper and illegal.