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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina May 26, 1972

*1 Mr. J. Lee Soratt State Director Division of Economic Opportunity 1026 Sumter Street Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Spratt:

Your letter of May 17, 1972, to General McLeod has been referred to me for consideration and reply. You inquired whether the driver of a van carrying federal funds and food stamps would have authority to carry a weapon to protect such property.

Please by advised that Section 16-129.1, South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides for an exception to the general rule that it is unlawful for any person to carry pistols. That exception includes guards engaged in the protection of property of the United States or any agency thereof. Very truly yours,

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Charles A. Taylor, III Assistant Attorney General

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