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Dear Mr. Lasota:

In response to your letter of June 21, I advise that this Office has a minimum force of investigators chiefly assigned to disciplinary matters involving the professions. Some of them wish to carry firearms and, for that reason, we had them commissioned as non-pay constables, which is peculiar to this State, but which carries the full force of peace officers generally. They are thereby enabled to carry firearms but, as a matter of practice, they do not. One investigator was a deputy sheriff before being employed in this Office and wished to retain a public officer's status for retirement benefits, etc., which would accrue to him. There is no published policy in view of the small number employed and in view of the small likelihood that firearms would be needed in the performance of their duties.

With best regards to General Babbitt and yourself.

Cordially,

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Attorney General

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