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State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. J. P. Pratt, II
Deputy Director
South Carolina Probation, Parole and Pardon Board
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Your letter of February 4, 1976, states that a question has been raised by an individual who had received a pardon from your board and who questions the weight to be given to the pardon in view of the fact that it was issued by your board and not by the Governor of the State. The pardoning power is vested in the Probation, Parole and Pardon Board by virtue of the Constitution of South Carolina, in Article 4, Section 11. This power was formerly vested in the office of the Governor but has been removed from that office and placed in the board. The pardon granted by the board is, in all respects, as full and effective as any pardon formerly issued by the Governor. It is the only provision for pardon now existing in this State.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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