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\*1 Ms. Margaret M. Gibson  
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Dear Ms. Gibson:

In your letter of August 7, 1978 to this Office you asked whether a locking blade is considered to be an illegal weapon and if so under what statutes can one be charged for carrying the weapon. You also asked whether a locking blade knife is considered to be a dirk or a dagger. Enclosed please find a copy of a recent opinion of this Office which indicated that 'a switchblade knife, however, with a blade that locks into place when opened, clearly would fall into the definition of a straight knife primarily designed as a weapon and therefore would be a dirk within the meaning of Section 16-23-460.' Therefore, I would call your attention to Section 16-23-460 for purposes of those charges that may be brought against an individual for carrying a concealed weapon.

With best wishes, I am  
Very truly yours,

Charles H. Richardson  
Assistant Attorney General

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