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Dear Dr. McCord:

Thank you for your letter of June 10 concerning the permissibility of deducting from the payrolls compensatory monies to recover the value of lost or misplaced tools and equipment.

I have heretofore advised the Highway Department that this procedure would not be valid. It was, and may still be, commonly used in that Department, but, in my opinion, it presupposes false or wrongdoing on the part of the employee and a one-sided determination that he should pay the cost of the lost tools and equipment.

In my opinion, the practice should not be followed.

With best wishes,
Cordially,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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