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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Leavitt:

Pursuant to the letter from Honorable J. Edgar Hoover dated January 20, 1972, which was recently brought to the attention of this Office by Mr. James Kirby, the following is the status of the law in South Carolina with respect to fingerprinting for employment and licensing purposes:

There are no specific state statutes requiring fingerprinting in South Carolina for employment and licensing purposes.

There are no general state statutes granting municipalities, counties and other political subdivisions the power to enact ordinances or codes requiring fingerprinting for employment and licensing purposes.

Due to the above, there is no state identification bureau, or other central agency designated to process employment and licensing fingerprints prior to transmittal to the identification Division of the EBI. However, in the event that the laws of South Carolina are amended to provide for fingerprinting for employment and licensing purposes, the State Laws Enforcement Division would be the appropriate agency to carry out this function.

Your attention is directed to the 1971 Acts 998, codified in Sections 53-35 and 21-756 of the South Carolina Code, 1962, which requires certain fingerprints from sheriffs and police departments to be made available to SLED and further provides for fingerprinting of school children upon parental request.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General

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