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F. H. DeGood
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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 18th in regard to fireworks. I respectfully call your attention to the definition of fireworks contained in Webster's Dictionary and in other dictionaries.

The Executive Order in regard to fireworks was intended to apply to all loud noise-making implements of an explosive nature and all such things as Roman candles, flares, rockets and other objects which, in common language, are included in the word "fireworks". The use or sale of such burning or explosive objects is expressly forbidden by the Order.

Cap pistols alone, of the sort that use a harmless chemical for the explosive element, have been excepted from the Order by interpretation of this office.

Very truly yours,

Frank I. Cowan
Attorney General

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