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December 23, 1952

To: Col. J. W. Lovell

Dept. Civil Defense

From: James Glynn Frost, Deputy

Dept. Attorney General

Re: Deputy Sheriffs' Corps

We have your memo of December 4, 1952, to which you attached a mimeographed release from the office of Civil Defense relative to the organization of a Special Deputy Sheriffs' Corps. You state that you anticipate problems in those counties in which newly elected sheriffs are replacing those sheriffs who were instrumental in organizing such Deputy Sheriffs' Corps and you inquire if there is any manner in which you might overcome the possibility of the new sheriffs' failing to re-appoint deputies belonging to such corps.

With respect to this particular type of organization, under our present statutes, although unfortunate, it appears that nothing can be done in such a situation. Sheriffs do have the power and right to appoint their deputies, and newly elected sheriffs would be expected to exercise that right to some extent.

Unless such corps has its nucleus in regularly appointed deputies, it would seem that a request from your department that such membership be retained would receive cooperation from the newly elected sheriffs. It would at least be worth a try.

James Glynn Frost
Deputy Attorney General

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