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January 23, 1978

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 78- 30

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Re: Cities--Police--Jurisdiction

Synopsis: A county sheriff may deputize city police officers so as to enable them to provide law enforcement services in any area lying outside the limits of any incorporated city, and may deputize officers of a particular city to provide such services within populated areas adjacent to but lying outside the incorporated limits of such city.

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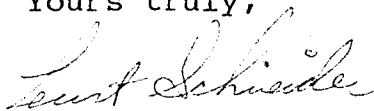
Dear Mr. Goering:

I have your letter of January 17, 1978, concerning Opinion No. 77-316. You advise that the City of Medicine Lodge, like many other cities in the state, has a number of businesses and residences lying just outside the city limits. Prior to the referenced opinion, you indicate, city police officers regularly patrolled these areas, checking locks, watching for suspicious activity, and the like, and since the issuance of that opinion, the officers have been ordered to stay within the city limits, although their presence has in the past been much appreciated by the businesses and residents in the adjacent areas. You question whether the rule enunciated in that opinion is susceptible to being tempered through the issuance of special commissions deputizing city police officers in order that they may patrol these areas outside the city limits. Certainly, in my judgment,

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it is fully within the authority of the county sheriff, should he wish to do so, to deputize any or all of the city police officers for the purpose of enabling them to provide law enforcement assistance in the areas outlying but adjacent to the city limits. Short of being so deputized, however, I know of no legal basis, other than set out in the referenced opinion, whereby city police officers may exercise their police powers beyond the city limits.

Yours truly,



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