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**\*1 RE: Administrative Search Warrants**

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Dear Neal:

To confirm our past conversation concerning the above opinion request, you indicated to me that a formal opinion relating to the issuance of administrative search warrants to OSHA inspectors was no longer necessary for the present time in light of the actions taken by the Labor Department. As you recall, the Labor Department, on advice of this Office, have a bill pending in the Legislature, a copy of which is enclosed, which if passed will statutorily authorize such warrants. Ms. Potts of the Labor Department indicated to me recently that while the bill was not considered in the present session of the Legislature, hopefully it will be considered early in the next session. She further informed me that the Labor Department will not request search warrants from magistrates until the Legislature acts. Instead all cases requiring warrants will be referred to the federal inspectors.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Richardson  
Assistant Attorney General

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