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Arizona Livestock Sanitary Board,  
State Building,  
Phoenix, Arizona

Gentlemen:

This is in response to an oral request by your Mr. Grounds for an opinion of the Attorney General as to whether veterinarians, who are paid by the federal government to inspect cattle that are to be killed or purchased by the government in accordance with the Federal Drought Relief Act, may legally be commissioned by your board to inspect brands and hides in compliance with our state laws, and if such veterinarians may be so commissioned, has Mr. Crump, Government Field Agent at Flagstaff, the authority to prohibit them from exercising such commission.

Please be advised that there is no law that tends to prohibit the veterinarians in question from acting as state inspectors. If these veterinarians were being paid a salary by the state we probably would have a different problem, but they are receiving no salary from the state.

I have conferred with Mr. Ross of Tucson, who is Mr. Crump's superior, and he assures me that he will see to it that Mr. Crump withdraws any instructions that he may have given to the effect that veterinarians cannot or must not exercise their state commission.

Yours very truly,

Attorney General

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