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Arizona State Parks  
1688 West Adams  
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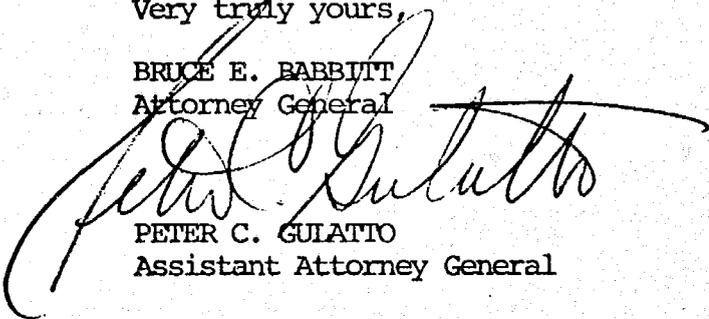
Dear Dennis:

This is in response to your letter of April 30, 1975 regarding the demand of the U. S. Coast Guard to have the Parks Board pay for two handheld transceivers and a recharging unit which was on loan from the Coast Guard to R. E. Griffith, Park Supervisor, and which were apparently stolen while in Mr. Griffith's possession.

So far as I can determine, Mr. Griffith had no implied or direct authority to borrow the equipment from the Coast Guard and I can only conclude that any liability attached to Mr. Griffith for the loss does not extend to the Arizona State Parks Board. Therefore I recommend that you reject the demand of the Coast Guard for replacement of the stolen equipment.

Very truly yours,

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