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WENDELL R. ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

October 5, 1971

Mr. Edward H. Waldroff
4342 - 44th Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406

Dear Mr. Waldroff:

Highway Patrol Chief John Harbinson has given me a report on the circumstances surrounding your contact with Officer Willmert, #452, which was the subject of your letter of September 13, 1971.

Chief Harbinson has advised me that it was readily apparent to Officer Willmert that your Plymouth Super Bird was not equipped with a front bumper. In accordance with Highway Patrol policy, the officer intended to issue you a ticket requiring the installation of a front bumper to bring the vehicle into compliance with state law.

When you questioned the officer's actions, however, he did say in effect that he could issue a citation which would require your appearance in court on the matter. The officer spoke of this possibility because at that point he was under the impression that you did not intend to have a bumper installed and there would then be no alternative but to require the court appearance to resolve the matter.

We are sorry that you interpreted the officer's words as being a threat, as such was not intended.

We wish to thank you for calling this matter to our attention; if you have further questions, please feel free to contact this office or Chief Harbinson at the State Highway Building in St. Paul.

Sincerely,

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