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Chief of Police

Dear Chief]

I am in receipt of your letter of November 30, 2006 requesting information on compliance with the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) in the Virgin Islands. I want to thank you for your courtesy in checking with my office prior to your travels here.

The Virgin Islands Police Department recognizes the authority of officers to carry weapons under the provisions of the LEOSA, provided that all the mandated requirements are met. You must have on your person appropriate identification stating that you meet the requirements of LEOSA, specifically sworn status and current firearms range qualification. Your Smith and Wesson .38 Special revolver and issue ammunition is both satisfactory and appropriate. You do not, as you know, have arrest power in our jurisdiction and carry of a weapon is for personal protection only. I recommend that you keep a copy of this letter on your person at all times when carrying a weapon in the Virgin Islands, to avoid any misunderstandings with our personnel.

I am sure you will enjoy your visit to the Virgin Islands. Please feel free to stop in and visit my office when you are in the Territory. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Professionally,

ELTON LEWIS
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cc: James H. McCall, Assistant Commissioner of Police
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