Charges having been filed with the Commissioner of Public Safety, addressed to the Governor of the State of Mississippi, in accordance with Section 45-3-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, charging John R. Lott with having violated the laws, rules and regulations of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, specifically Section V, paragraphs 12 and 13 thereof, it appeared and was so found that John R. Lott was given proper notice and served a copy of the formal charges made against him.

At the appointed time and place designated in said notice for the hearing by the Governor on said charges the same being December 16, 1975, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the office of the Governor, John R. Lott appeared with counsel. Testimony of the affiant, supporting witnesses and investigating officers was taken in his presence, with cross examination thereof conducted by counsel for John R. Lott. Opportunity was afforded John R. Lott to respond to said charges, which was declined.

The hearing was continued until December 23, 1975, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., at which time it was resumed with John R. Lott and his counsel present. Additional evidence in support of the formal charges was presented, and opportunity was again afforded John R. Lott to respond, which was again declined.

Based upon the evidence presented and due consideration thereof, it appears, and I hereby find, that the charges of violations submitted against John R. Lott are substantiated and sufficient to warrant his dismissal as a member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William L. Waller, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. The suspension of John R. Lott as a member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol on December 3, 1975, is hereby ratified.

SECTION 2. John R. Lott be, and he hereby is, dismissed as a member of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, effective December 3, 1975.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, this 29th day of December, A.D., 1975.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

SECRETARY OF STATE