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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

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REFER TO

Mr. Ned Thomas Wright P.O. Box 542 Tilden, IL 62292

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your letter dated November 4, 1984, to President Reagan has been referred to this Bureau from the Secretary of Treasury for response.

There is no record in our files to indicate the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has received an application for restoration of firearms privileges from you or anyone acting in your behalf. Further, our files do not reflect we have received a request to furnish you or your attorney with the forms necessary to make application.

Therefore, we are enclosing a set of application forms with instructions for your convenience in applying. Upon receipt of these forms properly completed, we will process your application as expeditiously as possible.

Since you indicated that your original request was made through your attorney, we suggest that you contact his office for clarification in the submission of that request.

Sincerely yours,

David R. Conklin

Chief, Firearms Division

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

JANUARY 23, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ATTN: BATF

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 285716

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. AND MRS. NED T. WRIGHT

POST OFFICE BOX 542 TILDEN IL 62292

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING HER HUSBAND'S RECEIVING

A FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION OWNERS CARD AND

RELEASE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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November 4, 1984

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President Ronald Reagan # 1, Pennsylvania Avenue Washington D.C.

Mr. & Mrs. Ned Wright P.O. Box 542 Tilden, IL 62292

Dear Mr. President:

My husband and I are writing this letter to you in concern of him receiving a Firearms Identification Owners Card and release from the Federal Government.

My husband has committed felonies in his past but this was before he married and we have since had children. The felonies he committed were in the years of 1965, 1967, and 1971 and they were all for Storehouse breaking and he was also 19 years of age and the group of people he ran with contributed to this also. He is presently 39 years of age and we have been married 13 years. We have two boys age 15 & 12. Our boys (Brian & Shane) are at the age of where they like to go hunting. Brian has a firearms card and I also have one. I am a standing member of the National Rifle Association and my husband would also like to join this organization and be able to participate in hunting activities. There are also some shooting matches we would like to attend and participate as a family. We consider what he done in his past so many years ago as forgotten but when it comes to firearms activities the federal government forbids it, due to his past record. He did have to serve some time in prison for these felonies but it seems like they will never be forgottten.

He has applied for Federal Relief through an attorney with no response from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. He also has recently had to return his State FOID card being as he has been convicted of a felony. It seems as if in this country if you ever do wrong your never allowed to forget it and all it really causes is a lost interest in sports for me and my family.

We would sincerely appreciate your help in this matter. As it seems as if you talk to anyone in our government they will put you on hold or you never receive an answer. I also know that the NRA is backing you for re-election and we did vote for you on our last Presidential election. You have done much for this nation.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Ned Thomas Wright & Mrs. Janie A. Wright



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WASHINGTON, DC 20310

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5 MAR 1985

Mr. Don R. Ivey President Plastic Guns, Inc. Two Oaks Plaza, Suite 2160 6730 L.B.J. Freeway Dallas, TX 75240

Dear Mr. Ivey:

Thank you for your letters of February 7, 1985, to President Reagan, Vice President Bush, Secretary Weinberger and Secretary Marsh concerning your research and development in the area of non-metallic firearms systems. I am replying on their behalf.

The US Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command is responsible for the conduct of the management of research and development for weapons. I am forwarding your letters to them. You should contact them directly concerning the procedures for submitting an unsolicited proposal. You may contact them at:

US Army Armament Research and Development Center ATTN: AMC-SMC-PR(D)
Dover, NJ 07801
(201) 724-5503

Your efforts may be useful in the development of future weapons systems. It is through innovative programs such as yours that we are able to explore new ideas to improve our weapons sytems and maintain our technological superiority.

Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. R. Sculley (

Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition)

The Leading Edge of Innovation Technology 6730 L.B.J. Freeway Two Oaks Plaza, Suite 2160 February 7, 1985 Dallas, Texas 75240 214-392-9844 Mr. Craig L. Fuller 214-392-9845 ASST. TO THE PRESIDENT FOR CABINET AFFAIRS 296994 The White House Office 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW 4200 Washington, D. C. 20500 cm 010 Dear Mr. Fuller: Within the next thirty to sixty days there will be unveiled a remarkable innovation in firearms technology -a non-metallic firearms system. It is the culmination of five years of research and development by David Byron of Casselberry, Florida, in concert with a Texas corporation, Plastic Guns, Inc.; General Electric Company--Plastics P.G.I. Operations of Pittsfield, Massachusetts; 3M Company of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Valjohn Engineering of Casselberry, Florida. Patents are now pending. Now weapons -- from small arms up to and including aircraft armaments -- can be produced from high temperature resistant plastic resins developed by General Electric and adapted by Byron-McDonald Firearms, Inc., a subsidiary of Plastic Guns, Inc. The current testing program on a semi-automatic pistol made from this new technology will be completed for review by the U. S. Military establishment by March 1, 1985. The advantages of such a system include: * elimination of corrosion * reduced weight * simplified cleaning procedures - "dishwasher safe" * self lubricating materials * elimination of recoil * simplified assembly/finishing compared to metal weapons * interchangeability of parts over long production runs * high quality at reduced costs - projected to be at least 30% below current rates

* precision tolerances easily maintained

* rapid production rates with QC and QA

* short lead time for "special" runs

* easily capable of producing a million or more units per year

The recently announced award of the XM-9 Trials to Pietro Beretta/F.N. for the production of the 9mm pistol for the United States has disturbing and far-reaching effects. It is now apparent that the technology upon which such production will be based may be obsolete within the next 90 days.

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We therefore respectfully urge you to use your influence to create a moratorium on issuance of contracts or appropriation of funds in conjunction with the XM-9 Trials awards until appropriate representatives of the U.S. Army, the Department of Defense and others can observe this innovative breakthrough for themselves. Failing that, contractual language could be added to the award reserving the right for the U.S. to substitute new and innovative technology up to the time manufacturing facilities for the foreign weapon are completed in this country.

When current tests for the plastic weapon are complete, a special test is scheduled for the Washington, D. C. area. We would like to invite you and/or your representative to attend. A formal invitation will follow.

Enclosed you will find a chronology of the development of this weapons system and a summary of the relevant research.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Don R. "Dick" Twey

President

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Enclosure

The Leading Edge of Innovation Technology

January 25, 1985

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STATUS REPORT

PLASTIC GUNS, INC.

¶The Idea is Born¶ In late 1979, David Byron of Casselberry, Florida, conceived of a design which could render the manufacture of firearms from sophisticated plastic resins possible. The following tracks the progress of that idea.

\{\text{Byron Meets Ivey/Brelsford}\}\ At the SHOT Show in Dallas, Texas, January, 1983, these three men met. Within a matter of weeks, a gentlemen's agreement was struck enabling Dick Ivey and Barry Brelsford to join Byron in the research and development of the "plastic gun" project. By the end of 1983, more than \(\xi\) had been raised and spent on the project.

¶Early Progress¶ A patent search was initiated by Mr. William Hobby, Orlando, Florida. An agreement was struck with General Electric Company for the exclusive use of certain resins for the firearms industry if it could be shown that a weapon could be successfully produced from the resins. (We have completed the design work within the timetable of said agreement.) Haskins and Sells were commissioned to do a cursory market analysis of the potential for such a weapon.

¶PGI and Additional R & D Funds¶ In 1984, the gentlemen's agreement was formalized by the creation of Plastic Guns, Inc. and Byron McDonald Firearms, Inc., both Texas corporations. During the year, PGI assigned the rights for patents, trade secrets, etc. to Byron McDonald Firearms, Inc. for the purpose of the actual completion of R & D and subsequent production. PGI's shareholders hold % of the shares of Byron McDonald Firearms, Inc. when issued.

The principals in PGI raised an additional \$ during 1984 from within the company to complete the R & D phase. Some of those funds were borrowed personally against other assets.

To date all expenses have been borne by the stockholders of PGI.

¶1984 Production Progress¶ Early in the year an arrangement was made with Valjohn Engineering of Orlando, Florida to create the CAD/CAE/CAM drawings from which the molds for the parts were to be produced. Utilizing the Computer Vision software, PGI purchased in excess of 2200 hours of design time in order to complete the drawings.

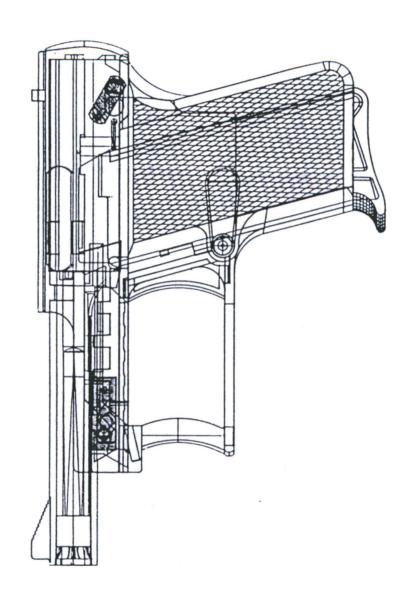
General Electric Company was instrumental in obtaining the services of the 3M Company to produce the molds which in turn are being molded by General Electric Company in their Pittsfield, Massachusetts plants.

GE has designed and constructed a clear Lexan polycarbonate test box in which the test firing will be done. The shooting tests commence early in February, 1985. A pioneer in high speed time lapse photography from MIT has agreed to be present to record the tests with high speed time lapse equipment.

Six industry periodicals are standing by to give us cover positions as soon as the tests are complete.

A U. S. Army general, retired, who was responsible for production and quality control of the M-16 assault rifle for the Pentagon, has reviewed the project and has expressed interest in a seat on the board of PGI.

¶Commemorative Production¶ At the conclusion of the testing program, including European Proof Labs and White Laboratories, PGI will produce a limited edition of 20,000 - 50,000 clear light amber colored pistols. These will be presented in a clear plastic presentation case. The cost of each weapon and case will not exceed \$100.00/ unit. Each unit will sell for \$400.00. It will be necessary to acquire production credit to complete the production of these weapons.



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NOTES: (novel features)

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1. This action is designed to be made with materials under Specific Gravity 2.25. No other self loading actions could work using materials this light for major components since all others rely on the inertia of the action to inhibit rearward acceleration of it's parts.

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- 2. The entire action is encased in a non-moveable upper receiver.
- Other than the trigger and operating handle there are no external moving parts.
- 4. This is the shortest self loading action ever developed.
- 5. The action utilizes a full rotary lock coupled with a non-rotating bolt face.
- 6. There is a cut-off switch to select the firing mode self loading or singleshot.
- 7. The permanent muzzle design incorporates a unique counter-recoil and counter-torque system.
- 8. The self loading action is self-adjusting to compensate for either very light loads or for very heavy loads and will function with either.
- 9. This is the first one-hand operated pistol with an internal action. (Using only one hand the shooter can cycle the action or pull the trigger without shifting the hand's position.)
- 10. Has an internal dust cover to seal the breech area.
- 11. Has a floating sear case to prevent accidental discharge if the weapon is damaged.
- 12. Has an automatic hammer safety to prevent firing if the action is not fully locked.
- 13. In the event of a case rupture the shooter is protected by the sealed breech area, and the gasses are directed down through the magazine well.
- 14. The assembly of the parts utilizes counter-forces to retain the constituent parts rather than mechanical retainers.
- 15. Draft is built into the mating parts to automatically compensate for wear and maintain corrent headspace.
- 16. The design forces the shooter to cycle the action for takedown thus assuring that the gun is unloaded.
- 17. The parts are designed to be molded rather than to be made by conventional means thus allowing a greater complexity of design and greater uniformity of parts during production.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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TO:

Sally Kelley

FROM:

Betsy DiGennaro

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 28, 1985

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

THE HONORABLE HAROLD L. VOLKMER U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: INFORMS YOU THAT HE HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLA-TION TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR FIREARMS OWNERS. URGES YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL

IN THE 99TH CONGRESS.

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> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

> > 20556

April 12, 1985

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your March 28 correspondence to the President urging support for H.R. 945, legislation you introduced concerning the rights of firearms owners.

We appreciate receiving your letter and will share with the appropriate advisory staff members your strong support for this measure and its Senate counterpart, S. 49. You may be assured that your views will be taken into consideration when the bill reaches the White House.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable Harold L. Volkmer House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

cc: w/copy of inc to Fred Upton, Cong Affrs, OMB - for appropriate action

MBO: KRJ: hlb

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WASHINGTON

April 2, 1985

Dear Ms. Schloman:

This will acknowledge receipt of Congressman Volkmer's letter to President Reagan concerning the Firearms Owners' Protection Act.

This correspondence has been forwarded to the White House Office of Legislative Affairs and you can be assured that an appropriate response will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Meloy Associate Director Office of Public Liaison

Ms. Cherry Schloman Legislative Assistant Congressman Harold Volkmer U.S. House of Representatives 2465 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

> Per aux telephone Conservation.

House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

3/29/85

MEMORANDUM to Mary Ann Meloy

Wayne LaPierre with NRA suggested we send this letter through you to insure a personal response from the President.

Cherry Schloman Legislative Asst. Con. Volkmer HAROLD L. VOLKMER
9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MISSOURI

2465 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515 (202) 225-2956

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LEE VIOREL
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.S. 20515

March 28, 1985

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States

Dear Mr. President:

The White House

In the past you have been a strong supporter of the Firearms Owners' Protection Act and stated you looked forward to having the bill sent to your desk for signature. I appreciate this strong past support in protecting the rights of our fireams owners. Your support during the 99th Congress is again needed.

I introduced this legislation, H.R. 945, on February 6, and now have the strong bipartisan cosponsorship of 110 House Memers. The Senate counterpart to this legislation, S. 49, introduced by Senator McClure, is now number three on the Senate Calendar awaiting action. I believe this gives us an excellent chance to send you the Firearms Owners' Protection Act for your signature this Congress.

Your support during the 99th Congress would facilitate our efforts. Thank you for your consideration.

Harold L. Volkmer Member of Congress

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April 30, 1985

Dear Mr. Turco:

Thank you for your recent letter replying to my letter to you of April 15, 1985.

I understand your desire to obtain a .45 automatic for your collection. I am certain as well that you intend to do so lawfully or not at all. But the law that prohibits the sale of automatic weapons to individuals does not allow the President to make exceptions. As I wrote you earlier, I have asked the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to review your request. Beyond that there is nothing else I can do.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Mr. Salvatore T. Turco 51 Gorge Road Middleburgh, NY 12122

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WASHINGTON

April 30, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

HUGH HEWITT JAH-H

SUBJECT:

Letter from Salvatore Turco

Earlier this month Mr. Turco wrote the President requesting assistance in obtaining a .45 automatic handgun. After reviewing the statute that prohibits citizens from owning such a weapon, I drafted a letter to Turco which you signed and a referral to the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco. Mr. Turco has now written again, this time to you repeating his request for assistance. I have attached for your review and signature a draft reply repeating the conclusion that the President cannot assist him.

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April 17, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR STEPHEN E. HIGGINS

DIRECTOR

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

Attached please find a photocopy of a recent letter to the President from Mr. Salvatore Turco, a licensed gun dealer in Middleburgh, New York. Mr. Turco requests the President's assistance in obtaining a .45 automatic pistol. I have advised Mr. Turco that that statute cited by him as a ban to his purchasing the weapon does not authorize the President to grant a waiver. I further advised him that I had forwarded a copy of his letter to you for your information and for whatever action, if any, you deem appropriate.

We have no continuing interest in this matter, except for confirmation that you have responded to Mr. Turco. Thank you.

Attachment

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WASHINGTON

April 15, 1985

Dear Mr. Turco:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Reagan expressing your interest in acquiring a .45 caliber pistol. I have reviewed P.L. 90-351, and it does not provide the President with the authority to grant a waiver on the restrictions governing the sale of such weapons.

I, however, have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, for his information and for whatever action, if any, he deems appropriate.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding

Counsel to the President

Mr. Salvatore T. Turco 51 Gorge Road Middleburgh, NY 12122

cc: Congressman Sherwood Boehlert

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED FIELDING

THROUGH:

DAVID B. WALLER

FROM:

HUGH HEWITT

SUBJECT:

Request of Salvatore Turco for Presidential Assistance in Obtaining a .45 Caliber Pistol

The attached letter from Salvatore Turco was referred by Congressman Sherwood Boehlert to Mr. Dennis Thomas, Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, who referred it to Anne Higgins, who in turn forwarded it to us. Mr. Turco, a licensed gun dealer, requests the help of the President in obtaining a .45 caliber pistol for his collection. Turco had been informed by Congressman Boehlert that he was banned by law from purchasing such a weapon.

I have reviewed the law which Turco cited as the ban to his purchase. It is broadly worded and applies far beyond the .45 to all handguns. Given the general availability of handguns I am uncertain as to the law's actual effect in practice. The statute does not, however, provide for any kind of Presidential waiver. I agree with David's suggestion that we refer the inquiry to the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and I have attached a draft letter to him for your signature. Also attached is a draft response to Mr. Turco notifying him of the referral.

Dennis Thomas has requested that a copy of the response be sent to him.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

March 30, 1985

TO: DIANNA HOLLAND Counsel's Office

Could you please review the attached. It looks like something that should be handled by someone in your office. Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM:

W. DENNIS MOMAS

SUBJECT:

Request from Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY)

Attached is a letter from Congressman Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) requesting assistance with correspondence that he has received from his constituent, Mr. Salvatore Turco. Mr Turco is interested in purchasing a 45 caliber pistol; however, Public law 90-351 prohibits the sale of these weapons to the public. Mr. Turco is a licensed Federal Gun Dealer, and is writing for special consideration to be given in granting his request for purchasing a 45 caliber pistol.

It would be appreciated if a copy of any message sent could be forwarded to my office (112 EW). Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Mr. Dennis Thomas
Deputy Assistant To President
Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr.

Inclosed is a copy of a letter that Salvatore Turco of Middleburgh, New York wants President Reagan to review.

Mr. Turco is interested in purchasing a 45 caliber pistol, however, Public Law 90-351 prohibits the sale of these weapons to the general public.

Your assistance in bringing this matter to the attention of the President would be greatly appreciated.

With warmest regards,

Sherwood Boeklert Member of Congress

SB:pm enc.

SALVATORE T. TURCO
51 GORGE RD

MIDDLEBURGH, NY. 12172

Oresident Ronald Georgian. Mr. Ornesident.

I have attempted through my longressman ce means of acquiring an H5 CALIBER AUTOMATIC SIDE ARM that in going to be phased out of the US ARMY weapons areaal. My first wish was to key several, one of which I would keep, and the other put up for sale. I am a becaused Federal Sun Realer, having been been in 1984. I am also a veteran of WWII, having served both statesidland in the South Pacific. I have an honorable discharge and hove never heen in trouble. I recently retirid from active employment and have already received two 5.5. Checks. So much for my background.

My Congressman informed me that Buthe Faw90-351 prohibits the sale of 45 caliber pistola to the
private sector. He also informs me that the Army is
required under PL 90-351 to offer the opportunity to
purchase these weapons to "INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS CUSTOMERS."
foreign nature who have purchased 45's from us in the fact.

It seems to me that American citizens veterans with a clean background, cityins who for years have paid their takes and contributed to the economy protection, and welfore of this country should be granted the privilege of purchasing one of the world wide famous H5 Automobics for his own personal use or possession.

I would like to own a 45 AUTOMATIC, as:a. memento of my three years and seven months service in NNI. alt would not be sald, it would be mine only. I hope you can be instrumental in my againing one of these 45's. It would please me imminsty; almost as much as the pleasure you gave me in the shellacking you Jane to MONDALE & FERRANO. If you can run for a third term, I will vote for you again. Surrierely Sahatore T. Turco. the 25 \$ DISTRICT, NEW YORK. Dam Kappy to say that Congressman Backlent has been responsive to me

P.S. My Congressman is SHER WOOD BOEHFERT of several times in the past. I wish I could say as much for Lenator a'amato.

SALVATORE T. T. URCO MAR 1 2 1985 51 GORGE RD MIDDLEBURGH, N.Y. 1212. WASHINGTON OFFICE Congressman Sherwood Docklert, Send to President Sin, you have been helpful to me several time so I wish to impose en you once again. Enclosed is a letter to our Consident. The envelope is not sealed Do you have my permission to readit, as a matter of fact I almost insist your do Ofter you have done so, I would like you (if at all possible) to fring the letter to President Cleagues allentini. Honking you in actionce. Salvatore T. Twee. P.S. Florant think my letter to the Consider is a Children whim I shall soon be 64 you obland in possession of all my faculties.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1985

Dear Mr. Director:

Recently the President received a letter from Mr. Salvatore Turco of Middleburgh, New York. Mr. Turco requested the President's assistance in obtaining a .45 automatic pistol. I reviewed the statute that Mr. Turco cited as a ban to his purchasing the weapon and did not see in it any way for the President to waive such a restriction. I wrote Mr. Turco to that effect, and I told him that I would also refer his letter to you so that you could see if there was any legal means for Mr. Turco to obtain the weapon for his collection. I would appreciate any guidance that you could provide Mr. Turco.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

The Honorable Stephen E. Higgins Director
The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20226

Attachment

SALVATORE T. TURED.

51 GORGE ROAD

MIDDLEBURGH, N.Y. 12122

Fred. F. Fielding Cresidential Counsellar.

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Sir. I have enclosed your letter to me to refresh your memory. My correspondence with Washington concerns the acquisition of a .45 calibe automatice. I wish to tell you something about myself.

I am 63 year old, a WWII veteran, married no Children and presently on social security. I awn some property in the above town. In 1984, & applied for a feobral gun clealer license, and for a New Jork thate gun dealer license, which I now possess. When the news of the Pentagons disposal of H5 caliber automatics was published, my first thought was to key several for resale. Upon blanning that this could not be, then I decided would like a. H5 for my own, personal use as a beep sake; no more, no less.

The .HI calibe automalie has been famous in our armed forces. The Serman Luger has been famous world-wide. Two very famous weapons. I own one GERMAN LVGER and I would very much like

to complement that side am with the .45 I would imagine there are deviaus methode by which I could again ce . 45, Probably Chrougha foreign government, a U.S. Federal installation or Local constabulary and do so legally I most Certainly do not wish to do so, nor will I in any event. I wish only to acquire as a memento, a reward for 3 1/2 year service. ett puzzeles me, Mr. Frelding, how MI GARANOS, 30 calibe carbines from WWII, Rden Appring field rifler and such find their way into the possession of private individuals and to small arms dealers. All I want to one old 45 caliber automatic that I can occusionaly take to the local gun Kut and fine a few rounds, with friends. & await your reply. Thank Jon. Sahalone 1. Turco

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Mr. Fred F. Fielding

Department of the Treasury

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

date:_____5-2-85

This is in response to your request of April 17, 1985, regarding Mr. Salvatore Turco, a licensed gun dealer.

Attached is our response for your information.

Stephen E. Higgins

Director, Stephen E. Higgins room 4000 phone: 566-7511



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

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Mr. Salvatore Turco 51 Gorge Road Middleburgh, New York 12122

Dear Mr. Turco:

This is in response to your letter forwarded to us by the Counsel to the President, Mr. Fred F. Fielding, concerning the disposition of 45 caliber pistols by the U.S. Military.

A member of the Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, has advised us of the transition from 38 and 45 caliber pistols to 9 mm. pistols. The old firearms will be (1) screened for Federal use in the Federal Government; (2) offered to friendly, foreign governments; and, finally, (3) offered to law enforcement agencies in accordance with Title 10, United States Code, Section 2576 (copy enclosed), which precludes the distribution by the law enforcement agency to any individual or public or private organization or agency.

Title IV of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-351) was amended by Title I of the Gun Control Act of 1968, 18 U.S.C. 921 - 928 (Public Law 90-618). Section 921(a)(4) of the Gun Control Act simply excludes from the term "destructive device" surplus ordnance distributed by the Secretary of the Army under Title 10, United States Code. Section 925(a)(2) of the Act merely exempts from Gun Control Act provisions those firearms or ammunition distributed by the Secretary of the Army. Nothing within the Gun Control Act of 1968 directs or restricts the Department of the Army. The authority to distribute surplus firearms rests with that Department in the manner as the Congress has enacted into law, and codified under Title 10, United States Code.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, please write to the Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301.

Sincerely yours,

Vency actin, for

Chief, Firerams and Explosives Division

Enclosure

(1) Vietnamese and other Free World Forces in Vietnam, (2) local forces in Laos and Thailand; and for related costs, during the fiscal year 1969 on such terms and conditions as the Secretary of Defense may determine."

Sec. 402. It is hereby declared to be the sense of the Congress that the Department of Defense, as soon as practicable, institute such measures as may be necessary to modernize the contract commercial airlift services provided to the Armed Forces of the United States.

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SEC. 403. (a) Chapter 153 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

70A Stat. 143. 10 USC 2571-

"§ 2576. Surplus military equipment: sale to State and local law enforcement and firefighting agencies

"(a) The Secretary of Defense, under regulations prescribed by him, may sell to State and local law enforcement and firefighting agencies, at fair market value, pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles of a caliber not exceeding .30, ammunition for such firearms, gas masks, and protective body armor which (1) are suitable for use by such agencies in carrying out law enforcement and firefighting activities, and (2) have been determined to be surplus property pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377), as amended.

40 USC 471

"(b) Such surplus military equipment shall not be sold under the provisions of this section to a State or local law enforcement or fire-fighting agency unless request therefor is made by such agency, in such form and manner as the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe, and such request, with respect to the type and amount of equipment so requested, is certified as being necessary and suitable for the operation of such agency by the Governor (or such State official as he may designate) of the State in which such agency is located. Equipment sold to a State or local law enforcement or firefighting agency under this section shall not exceed, in quantity, the amount requested and certified for such agency and shall be for the exclusive use of such agency. Such equipment may not be sold, or otherwise transferred, by such agency to any individual or public or private organization or agency."

(b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 153 of such title

is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"2576. Surplus military equipment: sale to State and local law enforcement and firefighting agencies."

Sec. 404. No funds authorized for appropriation for the use of the Armed Forces of the United States under the provisions of this Act or the provisions of any other law shall be available for the purchase, lease, rental, or other acquisition of multipassenger motor vehicles (buses) other than multipassenger motor vehicles (buses) manufactured in the United States, except as may be authorized by regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Defense solely to insure that compliance with this prohibition will not result in either an uneconomical procurement action or one which would adversely affect the national interests of the United States.

SEC. 405. Section 2304(g) of title 10, United States Code is amended by inserting a comma after the word "proposals" where first used in that section and inserting after the comma the words "including price,".

Approved September 20, 1968.

Motor vehicles.

76 Stat. 528