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Dear Mr. Landies:

This is in response to your letter, dated April 7, 1998, regarding the transfer of Model American 180 machinegun, serial number B01391, as well as difficulties you have experienced with National Firearms Act (NFA) weapons transfers over the past few months.

According to your letter, in February of 1998, the above firearm was transferred to you from David Bowser, on ATF Form 4, Application for Tax Paid Transfer and Registration of Firearm. You then attempted to transfer the firearm to Francis J. O'Connor, Jr. You stated that, upon contacting the NFA Branch, you were told that the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record (NFRTR) indicated that the firearm in question was not registered to you; rather, the transfer from Mr. Bowser was still pending approval.

On April 15, 1998, ATF Form 3, Application for Tax-Exempt Transfer of Firearm and Registration to Special (Occupational) Taxpayer, was approved for the transfer of the firearm to Mr. O'Connor. We apologize for any delay in processing this transfer and any miscommunication of information that occurred.

You stated that you have had additional problems with firearms registrations over the last eight to nine months, including: misplacement of transfer applications by ATF; receipt of approved registrations for firearms which do not appear in the NFRTR; and the transfer (per NFRTR) of firearms for which you did not submit a transfer application.

