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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.

Mr. Robert I. Landies

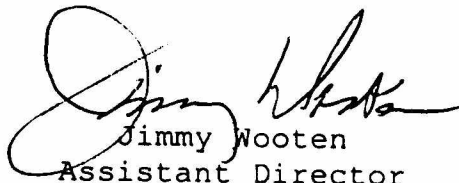
The implementation of a new database and the realignment of branch functions and duties have significantly impacted upon the processing of applications and notices in recent months. However, we are pleased to report that our processing times are returning to normal, and we sincerely regret any inconvenience you may have experienced during this adjustment period.

It is of highest importance that the National Firearms Act Branch maintain accurate information in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Please provide us with a list of any discrepancies of which you are currently aware.

Finally, you outlined your procedures for submitting transfer applications to ATF and requested suggestions for decreasing the likelihood of recurrence of the above problems. You stated that you forward all transfer applications, including ATF Form 4, Application for Tax Paid Transfer and Registration of Firearm, directly to the NFA Branch. We suggest that you forward ATF Form 4 to the address listed on the form. This will avoid a delay caused by the necessity for us to forward the form and check to that address.

The NFA Branch will make every effort to process your applications in a timely and efficient manner. Should you encounter unreasonable delays, or if we fail to provide satisfactory service in any way, please contact Nereida Levine, Chief, National Firearms Act Branch, at (202) 927-8330.

Sincerely yours,



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