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Ms. Dorothy Chambers, Chief
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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
650 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20226

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Chambers:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and I respectfully request that all correspondence regarding this request be directed to me at the address listed at the top of this letter.

I request a copy of all reports, memorandums, legal analyses and memorandums, and descriptions of how the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), or more likely its predecessor organizations, implemented War Department Circular No. 155, dated May 28, 1945, and similar Circulars from the War Department and other branches of the United States Armed Forces, regarding machine guns that various World War II soldiers legally brought or sent back to the United States under the laws in effect at the time, and to retain the machine guns as their personal property.

I am also specifically requesting any ATF documents, memorandums or legal analyses that were created in response to War Department Circular No. 155, dated May 28, 1945, as well as to similar directives during 1943 to 1946 that authorized soldiers to bring or send machine guns back to the United States, and to retain the machine guns as their personal property. I am enclosing a copy of a partially redacted "CERTIFICATE" that was issued under the authority of the foregoing Circular, for ATF's convenience of reference. While I possess a copy of the CERTIFICATE, it seemed prudent to remove the name of the soldier as well as the serial number of the firearms involved, for privacy reasons. I would emphasize that in this request, I am not requesting any information that would inappropriately disclose private information; I am requesting only public policy information about how the war trophy program authorized by the Government was implemented with respect to World War II soldiers.

I would also note that a regulation for "Registration of Firearms as defined in section 2733 of the Internal Revenue Code sent or brought into the United States by members of the armed forces" was published in the Internal Revenue Bulletin, *Cumulative Bulletin* 1945, January-December 1945,

