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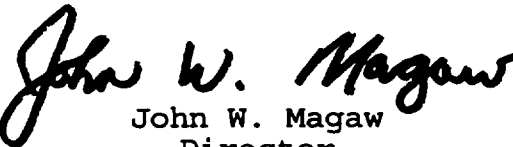
Dear Sir or Madam:

On November 14, 1997, the President and the Secretary of the Treasury decided to conduct a review to determine whether modified semiautomatic assault rifles are properly importable under Federal law. Under 18 U.S.C. section 925(d)(3), firearms may be imported into the United States only if they are determined to be of a type generally recognized as particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes. The firearms in question are semiautomatic rifles based on the AK47, FN-FAL, HK91, HK93, SIG SG550-1, and Uzi designs.

As part of the review, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is interested in receiving information that shows whether any or all of the above types of semiautomatic rifles are particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to hunting or organized competitive target shooting. We are asking that your organization voluntarily complete the enclosed survey to assist us in gathering this information. We anticipate that the survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Responses must be received no later than 30 days following the date of this letter; those received after that date cannot be included in the review. Responses should be forwarded to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department HSE, P.O. Box 50860, Washington, DC 20091. We appreciate any information you care to provide.

Sincerely yours,


John W. Magaw
Director

Enclosure

**ATF SURVEY OF HUNTING/SHOOTING EDITORS
FOR RIFLE USAGE**

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6. If your answer to item 5 is "Yes", please identify the specific centerfire semiautomatic rifles you recommend.

Make

Model

Caliber

7. Does your publication recommend **against** the use of any semiautomatic rifles whose design is based on the AK 47, FN-FAL, HK91, HK93, SIG 550-1, or Uzi for use in **high-power rifle competition**?

_____ Yes (*Continue*) _____ No (*Skip to #9*)

_____ Yes, in certain circumstances. Please explain _____

_____ (*Continue*)

8. If your answer to item 7 is "Yes" or "Yes, in certain circumstances", please identify the specific rifles your publication recommends **against** using for **high-power rifle competition**.

Make

Model

Caliber

9. Have you or any other author who contributes to your publication written any articles since 1989 concerning the use of semiautomatic rifles and their suitability for use in hunting or organized competitive shooting? (*Exclude Letters to the Editor.*)

_____ Yes (*Continue*) _____ No (*You are finished with the survey. Thank you.*)

10. If your answer to item 9 is "Yes", please submit a copy of the applicable article(s). Any material you are able to provide will be very beneficial to our study. Please indicate the publication, issue date and page for each article.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Editors

Comments:

2. If your answer to item 1 is "Yes," please identify the specific centerfire rifles you recommend:
 - (8) Anything except Uzis.
 - (9) All study rifles except Uzi.
 - (12) See attached articles.

3. Please explain circumstances to question 3: Does your publication recommend against the use of any semiautomatic rifles whose design is based on the AK 47, FN-FAL, HK91, HK93, SIG 550-1, or Uzi for use in hunting medium game (for example, turkey) or larger game (for example, deer)?
 - (12) When the caliber is inappropriate or illegal for the specific game species.

4. Other rifle make recommendations in response to question 4: If your answer to item 3 is "Yes" or "Yes, in certain circumstances," please identify the specific rifles that you recommend against using for hunting medium game (for example, turkey) or larger game (for example, deer)?
 - (12) See attached articles.

The following two items are for the responses to question 6: If your answer to item 5 is "Yes," please identify the specific centerfire semiautomatic rifles you recommend:

Model

- (5) Springfield M1A and Colt AR-15.

Caliber

- (5) 7.62m (M1A) and .223 (Colt).

The following items are for questions 9 and 10 on articles written and the submission of these articles with the survey.

Article 1

- (8) No articles enclosed.
- (9) Semiautomatic Takes Tubb to HP Title.
- (10) No articles attached.

Article 2

- (9) AR-15 Spaceguns Invading Match.