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San Jose, CA 95131

Dear [REDACTED],

This is in reference to your correspondence, with enclosed sample, to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Firearms Technology Branch (FTB). In your letter, you asked for a classification of the partially completed AR-15 type receiver your company is planning to manufacture (see enclosed photos). Specifically, you wish to know if this item would be classified as a "firearm" under the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA).

During the examination of your sample, FTB found that the following machining/drilling operations were completed:

1. Front and rear assembly/pivot pin holes drilled.
2. Selector-retainer hole drilled.
3. Magazine-release and catch slots cut.
4. Trigger-guard machined.
5. Rear of receiver drilled and threaded to accept buffer tube.
6. Buffer-retainer hole drilled.
7. Pistol-grip mounting area faced off, drilled, and threaded.
8. Magazine well completed.

The machining operations not yet performed are as follows:

1. Milling out of fire-control cavity.
2. Drilling of selector-lever hole.
3. Cutting of trigger slot.

4. Drilling of trigger-pin hole.
5. Drilling of hammer-pin hole.

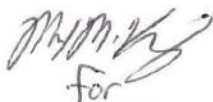
The FTB examination of your submitted casting and diagrams found that the casting will not be sufficiently complete to be classified as the frame or receiver of a firearm and thus would not be a "firearm" as defined in the GCA.

To facilitate return of your sample, please provide FTB with the appropriate FedEx account information within 60 days of receipt of this letter.

In conclusion, we caution that the information found in correspondence from our Branch is intended only for use by the addressed individual or company with regard to a specific scenario and/or evaluation described within that correspondence.

We thank you for your inquiry and trust the foregoing has been responsive to your evaluation request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if additional information is needed.

Sincerely yours,



for
Earl Griffith
Chief, Firearms Technology Branch

Enclosure

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Broken Arms AR-type Sample
Submitted 10/18/2013

