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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 23, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. PATRICK D. CHERRY

SUBJECT REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF SALE OF NATIONAL
MATCH M-14 RIFLES TO CIVILIAN TARGET SHOOTERS

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 4, 1984

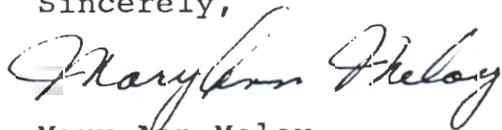
Dear Mr. Cherry:

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National Match M14 rifles are available in limited number to the competitive programs of the the Armed Forces and to the Director of Civilian Marksmanship for State Rifle Association teams competing in the National Matches held annually at Camp Perry, Ohio. There are fewer than 8,000 M14 National Match rifles in existence and there are valid requirements for these. Therefore, the only firearm currently authorized by the Secretary of the Army for sale is the service grade caliber .30 M1 (Garand) rifle.

I thank you for your interest in the competitive marksmanship program, I remain.

Sincerely,



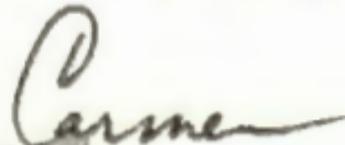
Mary Ann Meloy
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Patrick D. Cherry
President
The Ohio Rifle and Pistol
Association
5659 Bell Station Road
Circleville, OH 43113

WH. 204893

Sally,

ATF called me to say that they sent this back to you directly with a note suggesting that you give action to DoD.


Carmen

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

May 1, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MS. SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

In accordance with your request of April 17, 1984, attached is a DRAFT REPLY to Mr. Patrick D. Cherry (ID: 204893) for signature of a White House Staff member.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "R. J. Affourtit", is written over a horizontal line.

R. J. Affourtit
Colonel, USA
Deputy Executive Secretary

Attachments

*Val -
Prepare for signature*

REFERRAL

APRIL 17, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

REMARKS: ALSO SENT TO TRES

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 204893

MEDIA: LETTER

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. PATRICK D. CHERRY
PRESIDENT
THE OHIO RIFLE AND PISTOL
ASSOCIATION
5659 BELL STATION ROAD
CIRCLEVILLE OH 43113

SUBJECT: REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF SALE OF NATIONAL
MATCH M-14 RIFLES TO CIVILIAN TARGET SHOOTERS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Mr. Patrick D. Cherry
President
The Ohio Rifle and Pistol
Association
5659 Bell Station Road
Circleville, OH 43113

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Sincerely,



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

REFER TO

April 12, 1984

Ms. Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
Presidential Correspondence
Room 91, The White House

Dear Ms. Kelley:

Per our conversation on April 12, 1984, I have enclosed the correspondence from the Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association.

Assistance and information may best be obtained from:

Department of the Army
Director of Civilian Marksmanship
Room 1205 - Pulaski Building
20 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, DC 20314 - (272-0810/0811)

I hope this is useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Caplan
ATF Specialist

Firearms and Explosives Operations Branch

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

APRIL 4, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ACTION REQUESTED:
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE OHIO RIFLE AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



Patrick Cherry, President
5659 Bell Station Rd.
Circleville, OH 43113
Ph. (614) 474-8479

Dear Mr. President,

Mary Jo Jacobie

Due to the increasing difficulty of civilians to compete with well equipped military shooters for LEG points toward the Distinguished Rifle Badge. The Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association board of trustees have requested that consideration be given to the sale of National Match M-14 Rifles to serious civilian target shooters. The sale of National Match M-14 Rifles could be accomplished through the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, Office of Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

The National Match M-14 Rifle is not an automatic rifle due to having its selector welded in place and therefore no longer listed as a machinegun. Also since the National Match M-14 Rifles may no longer be made a full automatic Rifle they have little use to the combat soldier. Therefore the sale of National Match M-14 Rifles would have no negative effect upon national defense.

The serious target shooter could be determined by requirement of either a Sharpshooter or Expert Classification card, and proof of competing in LEG Matches.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Patrick D. Cherry

Patrick D. Cherry

President, Ohio Rifle & Pistol Assoc.

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TO:

PRESIDENT

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FROM: White House Referral/Kelley, Sally

REFS: Cherry, Patrick D.

CLASSIFICATION

SUBJECT: Requests consideration of sale of National Match M-14 Rifles to civilian target shooters

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ACTION REQUIRED

DUE DATE: 4-16-84

APPROPRIATE ACTION see below DIRECT REPLY COME BACK COPY TO EXEC SEC (SE)

MEMO TO: _____ REPLY FOR SIG. BY: _____

COMMENTS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Please prepare draft reply for the signature of White House Staff Member with a covering memo to Sally Kelley, Director, Correspondence Agency Liaison, from Chris Hicks, Executive Secretary and Special Assistant to the Secretary.

SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTION

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WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

O - OUTGOING

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8/12/29

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms CLIVIA March

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Protect The Availability of GUNS. She has suffered an attempted attack by an individual carrying a gun.

ROUTE TO:		ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

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- A - Answered
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- Code = "A"
- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

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- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

CLn - First Lady's Correspondence

- n - 0 - Unknown
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- n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence

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- n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

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- T - Telegram
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- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study



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Washington, D.C. 20530

MAR 12 1984

Ms. Olivia March
25-74 46th Street
Astoria, New York 11103

Dear Ms. March:

We have received your letter of December 26, 1983 to the President describing the assault on your person by a person using a handgun, and asking why handguns are so easily accessible.

It is important to note that the accessibility of handguns is not caused by inadequate federal firearms laws. In a federal system of government such as ours, it is the states which have primary responsibility for dealing with crime, and it is the role of the federal government to supplement state efforts at crime control. The federal firearms laws -- a comprehensive set of criminal and regulatory statutes -- follow in this tradition, in that the federal statutes have been designed to supplement the firearms statutes of the various states.

We are, of course, most sympathetic to your plight, and your concern after such an unfortunate incident is certainly understandable. Hopefully, incidents of this kind will decline with more vigorous enforcement of the firearms laws, both federal and state.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN S. TROTT
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

By:

LAWRENCE LIPPE, Chief
General Litigation and
Legal Advice Section

Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
The White House

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

FEBRUARY 22, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 207418

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED DECEMBER 26, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MS. OLIVIA MARCH
25 - 74 46TH STREET
ASTORIA NY 11103

SUBJECT: PROTEST THE AVAILABILITY OF GUNS - SHE HAS
SUFFERED AN ATTEMPTED ATTACK BY AN
INDIVIDUAL CARRING A GUN

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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Olivia March
25-74 46th Street
Astoria, New York 11103

President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

December 26, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

I am a 27 year old struggling female songwriter who recently wondered if she'd ever live long enough to become successful. However, you sir, are the President of The United States. It is you who has the power, authority, and initiative to enforce better laws. I, however, am just one of the many guinea pigs who suffers the consequences of each and every one of your decisions.

Can you tell me why guns are so easily accessible that I had a revolver put to my temple, while waiting for a Doctor's appointment at 69th Street off of Fifth Avenue?

Why is it that we have to suffer the anguish, fear and recurring nightmare that seems to come with the territory when confronted with death?

Tell me, Mr. President; "why are guns as easily purchased, as going out and buying a newspaper?"

Sincerely,

Olivia March

Olivia March

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 16, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOHN KELLY

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HANDLING
OF FOREIGN NATIONALS POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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Washington, D.C. 20530

MAY 16 1984

Mr. John Kelly
National Secretary
National Council of Irish Americans
Ellicott Square Building
Buffalo, New York 14203

Dear Mr. Kelly:

We are in receipt of your April 11, 1984 letter to President Reagan regarding alleged military training taking place in Florida and Texas.

There is no federal statute which prohibits military training in the United States. There are, however, various federal laws which control or prohibit the sale, exportation, and use of firearms. The manner in which alleged violations of these laws is investigated is not dependent on whether the alleged violators are of Cuban or Irish descent.

We would welcome any information in your possession concerning the specifics of alleged violations of federal law by the individuals referenced in your letter. In this regard, it is suggested that any such information be provided to your local office of the FBI. We hope this information is of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN S. TROTT
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

By:

LAWRENCE LIPPE, Chief
General Litigation and
Legal Advice Section
Criminal Division

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Exec. Sec. (2)
✓ Sally Kelley (White House)

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REFERRAL

APRIL 19, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 213405

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED APRIL 11, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. JOHN KELLY
NATIONAL SECRETARY
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF IRISH AMERICANS
ELLCOTT SQUARE BUILDING
BUFFALO NY 14203

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HANDLING
OF FOREIGN NATIONALS POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

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J. Kelly

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF IRISH AMERICANS
ELLCOTT SQUARE BUILDING
BUFFALO, N.Y. 14203**

April 11, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C.

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APR 24 1984
CRIMINAL DIVISION

Dear Mr. President:

According to press reports in the Miami Herald and other papers, your office has allowed Cuban citizens and others to train openly in Florida and Texas for military adventures against Cuba. These individuals are never arrested, though they train openly with guns and other arms.

On the other hand, we note Irishmen and Irish Americans are regularly charged with possession of guns, allegedly held for shipment to Northern Ireland. Why are Cubans immune and Irishmen "fair targets?"

How can you justify this double standard of justice? The actions of the Attorney General are despicable—as well as illegal, because they involve selective prosecution, which is unlawful.

I can assure you that Irish Americans will take note of your actions in this area.

I believe we are entitled to an explanation in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

John Kelly / jas

JOHN KELLY
National Secretary

JK:jas

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

25 JUL 1984

Honorable D. H. Abernathy
Mayor of Pittsburg
Post Office Box 462
200 Rusk Street
Pittsburg, Texas 75686

Dear Mayor Abernathy:

This is with further reference to your letter to the President regarding legislation to ban armor-piercing bullets.

As you know, the absence of a proper definition of the bullets to be banned has prevented action on legislation in this area. I am pleased to report that the Administration has recently submitted a draft bill to the Congress, a copy of which is enclosed, that would define armor-piercing bullets in such a way as to reach those which pose a needless danger to law enforcement officers without banning legitimate sporting ammunition. This approach has been endorsed both by police and firearms organizations, including the National Rifle Association.

Of course, we hope that this consensus legislation can be quickly enacted into law.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert A. McConnell

Robert A. McConnell
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

MAY 31, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ATTN: IGA

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 215426
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 14, 1984
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE D. H. ABERNATHY
MAYOR OF PITTSBURG
POST OFFICE BOX 462
200 RUSK STREET
PITTSBURG TX 75686

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY LETTERS TO SENATOR TOWER,
BENTSEN HALL OBJECTING TO H.R. 953 AND S. 555

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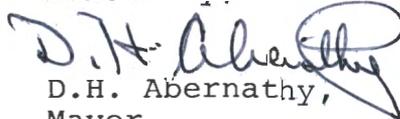
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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

For your information enclosed are copies of letters
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that are self explanatory.

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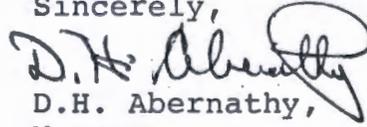
The Honorable John Tower
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Seantor Tower:

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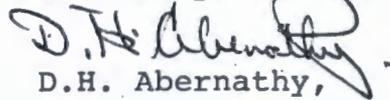
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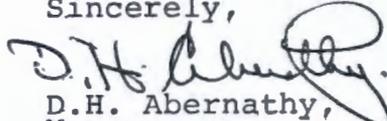
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