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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 12, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. BOYD

SUBJECT: URGES VETO OF THE GUN LIBERALIZATION
LEGISLATION, H.R. 4332 AND SUGGESTS CALLING
A CONFERENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1986

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Thank you for your letter to the President of May 6, 1986, which was recently referred to this office for response. The President appreciates your past support for important Administration initiatives and is grateful to you for expressing your views on H.R. 4332, the McClure-Volkmer gun control legislation.

As you know, the President approved this legislation only after significant amendments were made to accommodate some of the important law enforcement considerations your letter raises, such as the additional restrictions on interstate travel with firearms, licensing requirements for certain not-for-profit sales of firearms, and record keeping requirements for sales from dealer collections.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PJW

Peter J. Wallison
Counsel to the President

Mr. Richard A. Boyd
National President
Grand Lodge
Fraternal Order of Police
2100 Gardiner Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40205

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM:

J. MICHAEL SHEPHERD *JMS*

SUBJECT:

Attached Correspondence

At Jay Stephens' request, we have redone this response for your signature.

Attachments

*PSW -
Since I had worked
with this group in the mine
and other work I was at
DOJ, I thought it might
be preferable that a
response from the WH
come from you rather
than me. *JMS**

Michael

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 23, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JAY B. STEPHENS

FROM: J. MICHAEL SHEPHERD *JMS*

SUBJECT: Attached Correspondence from Richard A. Boyd

Richard A. Boyd, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, wrote the attached, hand-written letter to the President strongly urging that he veto H.R. 4332, the McClure-Volkmer gun control legislation. As you know, H.R. 4332 was incorporated into S. 49 and became public law.

Attached for your review and signature is a letter to Mr. Boyd thanking him for his views and observing that the President approved the legislation only after significant amendments were made to the provisions regarding the interstate transportation of firearms, licensing requirements for certain not-for-profit sales of firearms, and the record keeping requirements for the sale of firearms from dealer collections.

Attachments

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RICHARD A. BOYD
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

CHARLES R. ORMS
NATIONAL SECRETARY

May 9, 1986

Ronald Reagan
President of the United States

Mr. President,

As your appointee as an advisor to the United Nations for the prevention of crime and control of offenders;

as a person who has worked hard to promote your programs of "summer youth employment wages"; and the prevention of abuse and exploitation of children;

As the National President of the nation's largest police organization;

I strongly urge you to veto the gun liberalization legislation, McClure/Volkmer, HR 4332, since it is a great danger to our citizens and to law enforcement working the streets.

Please call a conference of concerned law enforcement officials before you sign 'bad' legislation!

Thank you,

Richard A. Boyd
National President



STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

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March 14, 1986
(House Rules)

H.R. 4332 - Federal Firearms Law Reform Act of 1986
(Hughes (D) New Jersey and 7 others)

The Administration supports enactment of S. 49, as passed by the Senate, in lieu of H.R. 4332.

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The Legislative Reference Division prepared this draft Statement of Administration Policy in consultation with the Department the Treasury (Stevenson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement) and HTP (Hunn). It is consistent with a Statement of Administration Policy in support of S. 49 that was transmitted to the Senate in June 1985. The Administration's support for the specifics of S. 49, which has passed the Senate, is the result of a series of meetings and consultations conducted by OPD (Mike Uhlmann) during the 98th Congress with Treasury, Justice, and interested groups. H.R. 4332 is the Hughes/Rodino alternative to S. 49. S. 49 is pending before the House Judiciary Committee and is the subject of a discharge petition that, as of March 14th, has all of the 218 signatures needed to bring the bill to the House floor.

Attorney General Meese was quoted in the Washington Post of March 13th as saying that the Hughes bill is "the kind of bill that I certainly would feel comfortable with;" however, he also was quoted as stating that "I can live with S. 49 and the administration does support it. I feel it would be a better bill if it were amended to take care of two or three features." Notwithstanding these statements, the Justice Department (Bolton, Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs) advises that it defers to Treasury on H.R. 4332.

H.R. 4332, as ordered reported by the House Judiciary Committee, is not available for review. According to minority committee staff (Heydinger), however, the bill resembles S. 49 in some respects but differs in others. Key provisions of H.R. 4332 are outlined below.

Interstate Sales. Current law prohibits interstate sales of firearms. The bill would permit interstate sales of rifles and shotguns, while continuing to prohibit interstate sales of handguns. (S. 49 would permit interstate sales of handguns, as well.)

Record Checks for Criminal Convictions. Gun dealers would be required to notify local law enforcement authorities and the FBI when a handgun sale takes place. The FBI would be required to examine its records to determine if the purchaser is prohibited from owning a gun (e.g., if he or she is a fugitive from justice). According to Treasury, CBO estimates that this requirement -- which has no counterpart in S. 49 -- could cost the Government up to \$35 million per year in additional processing costs.

Inspections. The bill would limit Treasury's authority to conduct unannounced, warrantless inspections of dealers' firearms inventories. Present law permits unannounced, warrantless inspections at all reasonable times. H.R. 4332 would generally permit three unannounced inspections in any 18-month period. S. 49, by contrast, would require a warrant before undertaking an inspection, except in certain limited situations (e.g., during a criminal investigation).

Miscellaneous Provisions. H.R. 4332 resembles S. 49 by: allowing a person to cross State lines with an unloaded, inaccessible rifle; easing recordkeeping requirements for dealers; prohibiting the importation of firearms barrels; and permitting dealers to make sales at gun shows. Provisions of H.R. 4332 not included in S. 49 would: prohibit the sale or possession of silencers; permit Treasury to suspend, rather than revoke, a dealer's license for violations of the Gun Control Act, as current law requires; and increase the penalties available for using a machinegun in the commission of a crime.

Procedural Safeguards. A notable provision of S. 49 not addressed in H.R. 4332 would establish a number of procedural safeguards against improper seizure or detention of seized property. For example, upon acquittal of an owner or possessor of seized firearms, the firearms would have to be returned promptly.

Attorneys Fees. S. 49, but not H.R. 4332, would permit a court in any proceeding under the Gun Control Act to award a prevailing party, other than the United States, a reasonable attorney's fee, if the court finds that the action was without foundation, frivolous, or in bad faith.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 01, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS HELEN RAISER

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES A NEWS ARTICLE AND URGES SUPPORT
TO KEEP HANDGUNS AND ASSAULT WEAPONS OUT
OF THE WRONG HANDS

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U.S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D.C. 20530

SEP 8 1986

Ms. Helen Raiser
President
Californians Against Handgun
Violence
Post Office Box 5395
San Mateo, California 94402

Dear Ms. Raiser:

This is in response to your letter to President Reagan in which you expressed concern on behalf of Californians Against Handgun Violence about the easy availability of handguns and assault weapons. You asked the Administration to support efforts to keep these weapons out of the wrong hands.

Many federal laws controlling certain aspects of the sale and possession of firearms are currently in effect, and we can assure you and your organization that these laws are vigorously enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and by the United States Attorneys in each federal judicial district. This Administration does not favor placing restrictions on the rights of law-abiding citizens in their legitimate use of firearms, although it does favor keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals and imposing severe penalties on the criminal use of firearms.

As part of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984, new laws were enacted which ensure the imposition of a mandatory penalty without the possibility of probation or parole for any person who uses a firearm to commit a federal crime, or who carries a firearm while perpetrating a violent federal crime. These special mandatory penalties were extended earlier this year by Public Law No. 99-308 to apply to persons convicted of using or carrying a firearm in the course of drug trafficking crimes. The 1984 Act also provided for enhanced penalties in the case of a second or subsequent conviction and, under Public Law No. 99-308, these enhanced penalties were made even greater in the case of violent crimes or drug trafficking offenses which are committed by a person who uses or carries a machine gun or firearm equipped with a silencer. Any mandatory sentence or

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enhanced penalty imposed under these provisions is required by the 1984 Act to run consecutively to the sentence for the underlying offense. Further restrictions were also imposed on the transfer of automatic weapons by Public Law No. 99-308.

In addition, the Armed Career Criminal Act, which was enacted as part of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984 provides for a mandatory imprisonment term of at least fifteen years, and a fine of up to \$25,000, for a person who is convicted of receiving, possessing, or transporting a firearm if such person has three prior state or federal convictions for robbery and/or burglary. The purpose of this law is to deter serious, repeat offenders from committing further crimes.

The Administration believes that these enhanced and mandatory penalties will help deter the illegal use of firearms and reduce the number of occasions in which they will be used in committing crimes. You may be sure that any additional proposals dealing with gun control introduced in the current Congress will receive our serious consideration.

Thank you for the interest and concern which prompted you to write.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN S. TROTT
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

By:

LAWRENCE LIPPE, Chief
General Litigation and
Legal Advice Section

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AUGUST 6, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 29, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MISS HELEN RAISER
PRESIDENT
CALIFORNIANS AGAINST HANDGUN
VIOLENCE
POST OFFICE BOX 5395
SAN MATEO CA 94402

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES A NEWS ARTICLE AND URGES SUPPORT
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OF THE WRONG HANDS

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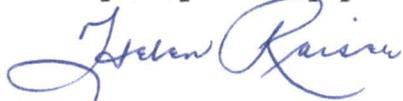
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The White House
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Very respectfully yours,



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Why Oakland Streets Yield A Growing Stock of Weapons

By Clarence Johnson

A deadly urban arms race is growing in Oakland, where police are confiscating more and more advanced weapons from criminals and fearful citizens alike.

Oakland police seized more than 2100 guns in 1985 during criminal investigations. For the same period, police in San Francisco and San Jose — cities with twice Oakland's population — each took half as many guns.

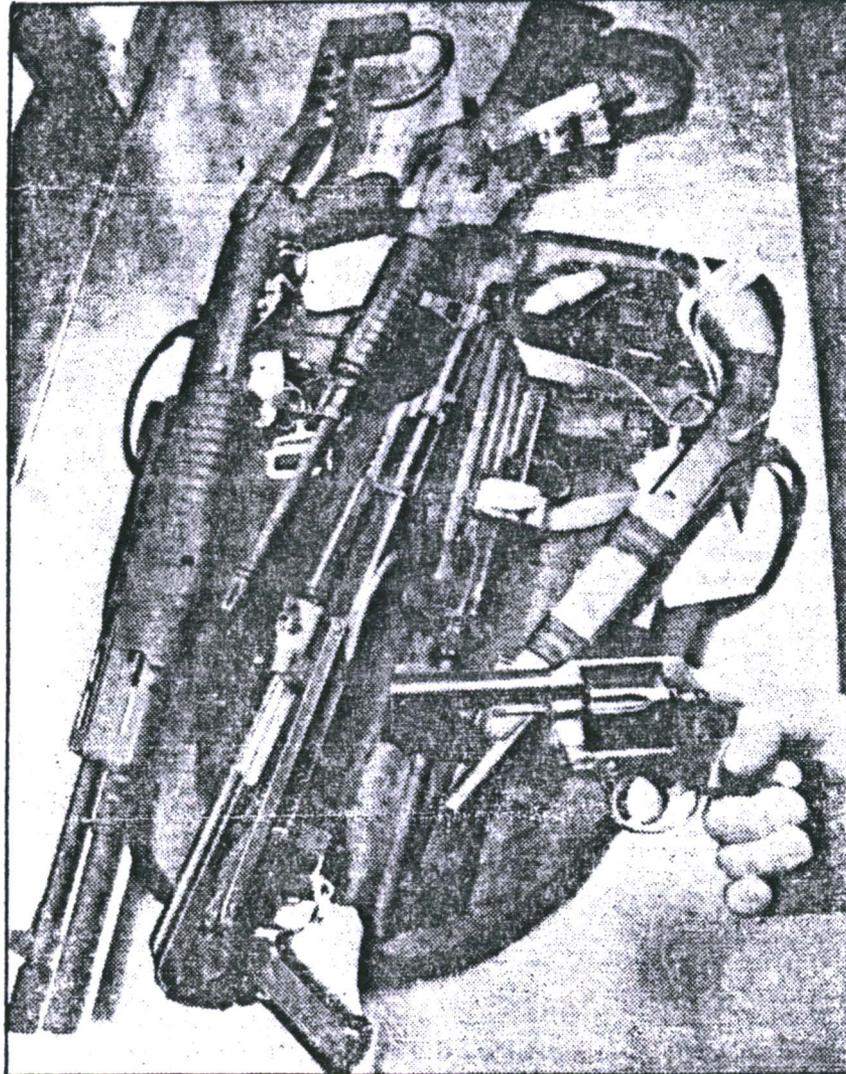
Many of the confiscated weapons were cheap, .22-caliber "Saturday Night Special" pistols. There were also expensive, advanced paramilitary assault rifles, grenades, dynamite and even a ballistic knife that shoots a blade 20 feet.

The Israeli-made Uzi is a particularly popular model. The short, 9mm semiautomatic rifle retails for about \$600. It can fire more than 30 rounds a minute and is powerful enough to penetrate concrete.

Unlike some weapons ostensibly designed for sport, the Uzi is purely "for killing people," Alameda County Superior Court Judge Robert Byers said last week, as he sentenced a man who used the gun to murder a suspected drug dealer and wound two bystanders on an Oakland street corner last year.

"Our feeling is that some of the weapons, especially the Uzi, are not appropriate for target shooting or hunting," said Oakland police Sergeant Harry Vaughn. "All they are made for is shooting people. It's hard to understand why there can't be some kind of controls placed on those kinds of weapons."

There is a 14-day waiting period for the purchase of a pistol. If a



BY JERRY TELFER/THE CHRONICLE

A sample of the guns Oakland police recently confiscated compared with a service revolver held in the foreground

person has the cash and is at least 18 years old, however, the Uzi and other assault-type shoulder guns can be bought like a shotgun or hunting rifle — within minutes.

Police blame battles over

drugs, fears for personal safety and "Rambo" Hollywood hype for creating the gun mania that is making their work more dangerous. Behavioral experts say the fascination with chic but deadly firearms also deepens the atmosphere of violence.

"There has been a phenomenal increase in gun ownership

"There has been a phenomenal increase in gun ownership and stranger-to-stranger homicides," said Troy Duster, sociology professor at the University of California at Berkeley. "If you have a population that is heavily armed, they will use the guns."

Criminals — most notably drug dealers — use the sophisticated weapons against each other, said Oakland police Sergeant Bob Scurria, pointing to the city's rash of drive-by shootings. However, lately more and more police are also staring down the menacing muzzles.

Scurria, who supervises the impounded weapons, said movies like "Rambo" and "Cobra" glorify guns and killing.

"It is not so much the crime that is increasing the number of weapons on the streets as it is the hype — the Rambo thing," said Scurria. "There are a lot cranks and nuts out there who have these assault rifles whether they need them or not. It seems to be a status symbol to see how much firepower they can muster."

Gun shop owner Tony Cucchiara, who does a brisk business in semiautomatic weaponry in the East Bay, agrees there is a "definite" connection between violent films and gun sales.

"Anytime you have one of those movies, we can count on sales going up," Cucchiara said. "One perfect example is the Dirty Harry (Clint Eastwood) movies. Before that we hardly sold any .44 Magnums. It does stimulate a lot of buying. During the 'Rambo' movies, we sold more than ever."

Cucchiara said his shop sells at least one Uzi a day.

Sergeant Vaughn said the new firepower has changed police policy. Bulletproof vests — once optional and rarely worn — have now become standard police attire.

"It used to be you pop a drug dealer and he'd have a handgun," said Scurria. "But now he has an Uzi or a semiautomatic rifle with a capacity of 40 rounds. The officer confronting him has but six shots in his revolver."

Oakland, which had 114 homicides last year, is the Bay Area's perennial leader in murders.

Although many of the confiscated weapons are involved in crimes, Cucchiara and other gun proponents insist they are primarily purchased for self-defense.

Duster said other factors are involved.

"There's been an increase... in the kind of meanness we face," Duster said. "And the meanness at the bottom (of society) is a reflection of the image at the top. We've even got President Reagan saying things like, 'Go ahead, make my day.' He's implying that violence is OK. And that takes on deadly significance if guns are put into the equation."

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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 19, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE STROM THURMOND

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August 15, 1986

Mr. William L. Ball III  
Assistant to the President  
for Legislative Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Will:

On Wednesday, August 13, 1986, the Senate and the House concurred in historic legislation that would virtually ban the sale of armor-piercing bullets.

H.R. 3132

As you may know, law enforcement officials have worked very hard for this measure to limit the availability of the "cop-killer bullets" that are capable of penetrating bullet-proof vests and other protective gear used by officers.

This legislation has found strong bipartisan support in both the 98th and 99th Congresses and is the product of extensive work on the part of the administration, members of the Committee on the Judiciary, the Senate, the House, and other interested parties.

The Senate approved this measure in March by an overwhelming majority of 97-1, and this week, both Houses of Congress took final action on the measure.

On behalf of those men and women who risk their lives daily in the line of duty, I would like to request that a special signing ceremony be arranged to include, not only the key legislators in the process, but representatives of law enforcement associations as well.

For your convenience, you may contact Ms. Holly Johnston in my office (224-5972) once you have reviewed this request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Strom Thurmond*

Strom Thurmond  
Chairman

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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 25, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATION TO  
CONTROL "COP-KILLER" BULLETS AND HOPES FOR  
AN APPROPRIATE CEREMONY

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WB  
Daniel P. Moynihan  
New York



United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

August 18, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

We have at last agreed on legislation to control cop-killer bullets. This seems just the right time to send a clear strong signal to the men and women on the front lines in the war against drugs.

I do hope we might follow up with an appropriate ceremony.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name of the sender, Daniel P. Moynihan.

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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HR 3132

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 11, 1986

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ALAN M. GOTTLIEB

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ON THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF  
ANTI-GUN STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES AND THE  
HIGH NUMBER OF GUN-RIGHTS RELATED CASES  
CURRENTLY PENDING IN THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM

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JMShepherd  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1986

Dear Mr. Gottlieb:

Thank you for your letter to the President regarding the appointment of judges who will support the right to keep and bear arms.

We appreciate your bringing your views on this matter to our attention. You may be assured that your concerns will be given thoughtful consideration by the President's Federal Judicial Selections Committee.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.**

Jay B. Stephens  
Deputy Counsel to the President

Mr. Alan M. Gottlieb  
Second Amendment Foundation  
James Madison Building  
12500 N.E. Tenth Place  
Bellevue, Washington 98005

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JAY B. STEPHENS

FROM:

J. MICHAEL SHEPHERD *JMS*

SUBJECT:

Attached Correspondence Regarding Pro-Gun  
Judicial Appointments

Attached for your signature is a response to Mr. Alan Gottlieb -- founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, not the Canadian Ambassador -- who wrote the President about appointing judges who will support the right to keep and bear arms.

Attachments



# Second Amendment Foundation

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September 3, 1986

*P Wallison*

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

You more than any other president in recent American history have demonstrated your acute awareness of, and interest in, the various problems facing America's hundreds of thousands of law-abiding gun owners.

Gun owners have been successful in protecting their rights through the political system, but a serious problem -- not readily subject to popular redress -- exists with what can best be characterized as anti-gun state and federal judges.

An unusually high number of gun-rights related cases are currently pending in the federal court system. On behalf of gun owners across the country, we urge you strongly to consider the views expressed by potential appointees on this vital constitutional right, before submitting any appointee to the Senate for confirmation.

As only a partial expression of the substantial concern expressed by law-abiding gun owners on this issue, you will be receiving under separate cover tens of thousands of petitions urging your consideration of pro-gun appointees to the federal bench who will support the right to keep and bear arms.

Very truly yours,

Alan M. Gottlieb  
Founder

# Second Amendment Foundation

*In defense of the right to keep and bear arms*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DONALD K. FISHER

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES A COPY OF AN ACTION ALERT HE  
HE RECEIVED FROM THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR  
THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS CONCERNING  
THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS

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NOV 25 1986

Donald K. Fisher  
County Commissioner  
2208 East Highway 190  
Suite 8  
Copperas Cove, Texas 76522

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This letter is in response to your inquiry addressed to the President regarding assertions made by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in an "Action Alert."

In that publication, that organization made many allegations against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). The major accusation was that ATF is using a computer in San Diego to accumulate information on gun owners and/or gun ownership in the United States. In this letter, we will attempt to answer each of the charges.

First, there is a computer in San Diego. It is the Treasury Enforcement Communication System (TECS), a computerized communication network managed by U.S. Customs Service and utilized by Customs, the Internal Revenue Service, ATF, and other Federal agencies as a data communications system. The computer is used by ATF as its primary law enforcement index relating to suspects, victims, wanted persons, stolen property, and other information, which ATF is required to maintain in index form. The system is, in effect, a large automated card file for locating information needed by ATF to perform its enforcement functions and to comply with other requirements, such as the Freedom of Information Act. TECS is not a secret system. Neither ATF nor the Department of the Treasury has made any effort to conceal its use from the public or Congress.

Having discussed TECS and its functions, we will now address the main assertions about TECS made by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and ATF's responses to those assertions.

#### Assertion

"... The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is secretly computerizing information on who owns guns and where these guns are located . . . ."

Mr. Donald K. Fisher

Response

ATF is not compiling information about lawful gun owners and legal firearms locations. However, ATF does use TECS to accomplish the Bureau's law enforcement mission.

When ATF special agents are engaged in a criminal investigation of a specific individual for violations of firearms statutes, such as unlawful interstate or international traffickers, convicted felons, etc., that person's name is entered in TECS. Also, in some instances, firearms unlawfully purchased by the subject of the investigation are entered into TECS in an effort to facilitate apprehension of the suspect and location of the firearms.

During their criminal investigations, ATF special agents also recover a substantial number of stolen firearms. ATF uses TECS to inventory those recovered stolen firearms as well as all other firearms in ATF's custody. When a recovered stolen firearm is returned to its owner, that firearm is removed from the inventory with the notation on the computer record that the gun was returned to its lawful owner.

In addition to its firearm inventory, ATF also enters firearms stolen from interstate shipments and some large commercial firearms thefts into TECS and FBI's NCIC computer in an effort to combat interstate trafficking in stolen firearms to locate the traffickers and to recover the firearms.

Assertion

". . . Firearms dealers that go out-of-business must turn over their records (to ATF). . . ."

Response

When firearms dealers go out-of-business they turn over their records to the new owner, if there is one, or turn them in to ATF if there is no successor. Those turned in to ATF are not placed in the TECS computer, but filed at the Out-of-Business Records Center.

These "out-of-business" records are used, when necessary, in tracing firearms used in crime. These firearms traces are initiated in response to requests from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Donald K. Fisher

Assertion

" . . . BATF can get (its) hands on concealed (SIC) weapon permit holders, hunting license holders and other records from State and local governments . . . ."

Response

ATF, like many other Federal law enforcement agencies, has access to various State and local records. However, ATF does not now, and has never kept track of concealed weapons permits, hunting licenses, or those who apply for or obtain them.

In summary, TECS is for ATF what a master index is for any law enforcement agency; a means of locating complete files and records on subjects or items of investigative interest. TECS is not secret, and has nothing to do with firearms registration.

We hope this has been responsive to your inquiry. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,

James O. Pasco  
Assistant Director  
(Congressional and Media Affairs)

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Bureau of ATF  
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## T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

## REFERRAL

OCTOBER 21, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
ATTN: IGA

ACTION REQUESTED:  
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## DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN  
FROM: MR. DONALD K. FISHER  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
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2208 E. HIGHWAY 190  
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SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 17, 1986

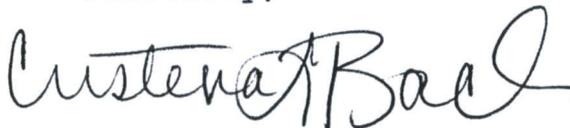
Dear Mr. Fisher:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent correspondence.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Intergovernmental Affairs Office at the Department of the Treasury for their consideration and direct reply. You should be hearing from them shortly.

I sincerely appreciate your bringing your concerns to the attention of the Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristena L. Bach".

Cristena L. Bach  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Donald K. Fisher  
County Commissioner  
2208 East Highway 190  
Suite 8  
Copperas Cove, Texas 76522



**Donald K. Fisher**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
Precinct 1  
Coryell County, Texas

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*cBack*

2208 E. Highway 190, Suite 8  
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Phone  
817-547-2828

September 25, 1986

Ronald Reagan  
President of the U.S.  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
North-West  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I have attached for your information a copy of an Action Alert, which I have received from the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

If this in fact is true, of what the BATF is in the process of doing by using special budget funds from the Treasury Department for the concealed registration of firearms, I find this very alarming that such an act transpired during your administration. I can of course believe that something like this would have taken place under the Kennedy administration, or the Carter administration.

I would respectfully request Sir, that you would refer this to the Treasury Department, that I receive a response from them in reference to this correspondence. In addition to that, that it be publically stated if they have in fact started a program of this type. If so, do you plan to stop it?

Sincerely, your obedient servant,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DKF".

Donald K. Fisher  
1 Encl.  
DKF: mr

CF: Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

# **ACTIONALERT**

Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms  
12500 N.E. Tenth Place • Bellevue, WA 98005

DEAR FELLOW ACTIVIST,

YOU MUST RESPOND NOW. NEXT MONTH COULD BE TOO LATE.

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS (BATF) IS SECRETLY COMPUTERIZING INFORMATION ON WHO OWNS GUNS AND WHERE THESE GUNS ARE LOCATED.

IT IS BEING DONE ON A COMPUTER IN SAN DIEGO THAT IS TIED IN WITH TERMINALS IN BATF OFFICES ALL ACROSS NATION.

THIS SECRET OPERATION HAS BEEN HIDDEN IN BUDGET OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT WHICH BATF IS PART OF.

IT WAS DISCOVERED BECAUSE A FORMER TREASURY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE CONCERNED ABOUT BATF ATTACK ON YOUR GUN RIGHTS BLEW THE WHISTLE.

THIS IS ALL BEING DONE BEHIND OUR BACKS.

YOU AND YOUR GUNS COULD ALREADY BE REGISTERED ON THEIR COMPUTER. YOU COULD BE ONE OF THE FIRST VISITED BY BATF AGENTS TO CONFISCATE GUNS IF NEW ANTI-GUN LAWS ARE PASSED.

WE MUST ACT TOGETHER NOW AND STOP THIS SCHEME DEAD IN ITS TRACKS. TOMORROW COULD BE TOO LATE.

BATF IS GETTING INFORMATION ON GUNOWNERS BY MISUSING INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE BY CURRENT GUN LAWS.

IN ADDITION, FIREARMS DEALERS THAT GO OUT OF BUSINESS MUST TURN OVER THEIR RECORDS AND WHEN BATF SPOT CHECKS CURRENT DEALERS THEY OFTEN COPY RECORDS.

ALSO BATF CAN GET HANDS ON CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT HOLDERS, HUNTING LICENSE HOLDERS AND OTHER RECORDS FROM STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

SO YOU CAN SEE HOW DANGEROUS THIS SNEAKY BATF NATIONAL COMPUTERIZED GUN REGISTRATION SCHEME IS TO OUR GUN RIGHTS.

AND ONCE ALL GUNS AND GUN OWNERS ARE REGISTERED IN THIS MASSIVE NATIONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM YOU CAN BET IT WILL TAKE NO TIME AT ALL FOR GUN GRABBERS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DESTROY YOUR GUN RIGHTS. 8

GUN CONFISCATION BECOMES MORE OF A REALITY EVERYDAY. THAT IS WHY WE MUST ACT NOW.

WE MUST FORCE THE BATF TO ERASE ALL RECORDS OF GUN OWNERS IN ITS COMPUTER AND STOP COLLECTING MORE INFORMATION IN THE FUTURE.

BUT I MUST WARN YOU THAT TO DO THIS WILL COST MONEY THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS DOES NOT HAVE.

OUR SUCCESS IS UP TO YOU. I MUST KNOW WHAT LEVEL OF SUPPORT YOU CAN GIVE TO THIS BATTLE AT THIS TIME.

IF WE GEAR UP THIS NATIONAL ACTION PROJECT WITHOUT THE NEEDED FUNDS TO SUPPORT IT - - WE WILL FALL ON OUR FACES AND THE GUN GRABBERS WILL TAKE IT AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS ON OUR PART AND STEP UP THEIR ANTI-GUN ACTIVITY.

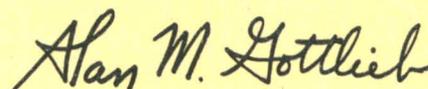
YOUR CONTRIBUTION OF \$15, \$25, \$50 OR EVEN \$100 IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME. IF YOU CAN SEND MORE OR MUST SEND LESS - SEND WHATEVER YOU CAN - IT IS VITAL TO STOPPING THE BATF.

WE HAVE A GREAT GAME PLAN TO STOP BATF. BUT I MUST KEEP IT A SECRET AT THIS TIME. I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND WHY.

I WILL LET YOU KNOW OUR PLAN TO STOP BATF JUST AS SOON AS I CAN.

SO PLEASE DO NOT PUT THIS ACTION ALERT ASIDE. I AM COUNTING ON YOU AND A DEDICATED HANDFULL OF OTHERS.

SINCERELY YOURS,



ALAN M. GOTTLIEB

CHAIRMAN

P.S. WITHOUT YOUR HELP I AM AFRAID TO PROCEED. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

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Tom

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CJ

Pat--

Re: C-5, Arithmetic, and NSC claims

TOW - missile weighs 36 lbs.

with packing and loading canister 50 to 60 lbs.

$$2008 \times 50 \text{ lbs} = 100,400 \text{ lbs.}$$

Hawk - Missile weighs 185 lbs. less packing; add 25 lbs (?) = 210 lbs

$$235 \text{ Hawks} \times 210 \text{ lbs} = 49,350 \text{ -- round to } 50,000 \text{ lbs.}$$

The C-5 has a payload capability of about 261,000 lbs.

With the all the missiles alleged, the C-5 analogy still has an easy 100,000 lbs left over for spark plugs and toilet paper. The C-5 is a very big airplane...

TG.

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DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 02, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. LAWRENCE D. PRATT

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING CONCERNS OF GUN OWNERS

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| ROUTE TO:<br>OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)   | ACTION   |               | DISPOSITION   |                        |
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|                                           | ACT CODE | DATE YY/MM/DD | TYPE RESP     | C COMPLETED D YY/MM/DD |
| HOWARD BAKER                              | ORG      | 87/11/02      | HB            | 87/11/30 TR            |
| REFERRAL NOTE: <i>COCAMA</i>              | A        | 87/11/03      | <del>HB</del> | 87/11/30 TR            |
| REFERRAL NOTE: <i>PLRANG</i>              | D        | 87/11/03      | SBARI         | 87/11/04 TR            |
| REFERRAL NOTE: <i>cscrip</i>              | I        | 87/11/03      |               | 87/11/03 TR            |
| REFERRAL NOTE: <i>PLDANN</i>              | D        | 87/11/05      |               | 87/11/30 TR            |
| REFERRAL NOTE: <i>FOR HTB's signature</i> |          |               |               |                        |

COMMENTS: *Request for draft response*  
*see J. C. H. P. M.*

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: \_\_\_\_\_

CS MAIL USER CODES: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

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| *ACTION CODES:           | *DISPOSITION         | *OUTGOING            | * |
| *                        | *                    | *CORRESPONDENCE:     | * |
| *A-APPROPRIATE ACTION    | *A-ANSWERED          | *TYPE RESP=INITIALS  | * |
| *C-COMMENT/RECOM         | *B-NON-SPEC-REFERRAL | * OF SIGNER          | * |
| *D-DRAFT RESPONSE        | *C-COMPLETED         | * CODE = A           | * |
| *F-FURNISH FACT SHEET    | *S-SUSPENDED         | *COMPLETED = DATE OF | * |
| *I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC* |                      | * OUTGOING           | * |
| *R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY   | *                    |                      | * |
| *S-FOR-SIGNATURE         | *                    |                      | * |
| *X-INTERIM REPLY         | *                    |                      | * |
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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE  
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590  
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING  
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
MANAGEMENT.

November 30, 1987

Dear Mr. Pratt:

In response to your recent letter, you are no doubt aware that the President has now nominated Judge Anthony Kennedy to fill the current vacancy on the Supreme Court.

During Judge Kennedy's 12 years on the United States Court of Appeals, he participated in over 1400 decisions and authored over 400 opinions. His work has played a major role in keeping our cities and neighborhoods safe from crime. He'll be an excellent Justice, and I hope you'll join us in supporting his nomination.

On your second point, I can assure you that the Administration has no interest at all in supporting the reelection efforts of Howard Metzenbaum. Attorney General Meese has, however, met with representatives of major law enforcement associations who support some type of legislation in this area. At the moment, we are still studying our position and do appreciate your input.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Lawrence D. Pratt  
Executive Director  
Gun Owners of America  
Suite 102  
8001 Forbes Place  
Springfield, VA 22151

HHB/OPL/CAD/LRC/lynn (pc2-c)  
cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB  
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OFFICE OF HOWARD BAKER'S CORRESPONDENCE  
REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE – COMMENTS

TO: *Mike Driggs/OPD*

DATE DUE:

*asap*

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Multiple Mailing

Form Reply

One-Time Reply

SUBJECT:

*A attached draft for Howard Baker's signature*

REQUESTED BY/ADDRESSED TO:

*Howard Baker/Lawrence D. Pratt*

BACKGROUND:

*Concerns re: gun owners*

SIGNATURE:

*Lorraine R. Camarano*

DATE:

*11/25/87*

Howard Baker's Correspondence  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 61  
(202) 456-6600

Your Recommendation/Comments:

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SIGNATURE:

DATE:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 17, 1987

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Dear Mr. Pratt:

In response to your recent letter, you are no doubt aware that the President has now nominated Judge Anthony Kennedy to fill the current vacancy on the Supreme Court.

During Judge Kennedy's 12 years on the United States Court of Appeals, he participated in over 1400 decisions and authored over 400 opinions. His work has played a major role in keeping our cities and neighborhoods safe from crime. He'll be an excellent ~~Judge~~ Justice and I hope you'll join us in supporting his nomination. Justice,

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At the moment, we are still studying our position and do appreciate your input. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
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Suite 102  
8001 Forbes Place  
Springfield, Virginia 22151

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 20, 1987

Dear Mr. Pratt:

In response to your recent letter, you are no doubt aware that the President has now nominated Judge Anthony Kennedy to fill the current vacancy on the Supreme Court.

During Judge Kennedy's 12 years on the United States Court of Appeals, he participated in over 1400 decisions and authored over 400 opinions. His work has played a major role in keeping our cities and neighborhoods safe from crime. He'll be an excellent Justice, and I hope you'll join us in supporting his nomination.

*See* On your second point, I can assure you that the Administration ~~is not interested at all~~ in supporting the refection efforts of Howard Metzenbaum. Attorney General Meese has, however, met with representatives of major law enforcement associations who support some type of legislation *→ in this area. ←*

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Sincerely,

*again*

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Chief of Staff to the President

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Suite 102  
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GUN  
OWNERS  
OF AMERICA



October 28, 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

There are two matters that are before the administration that are of concern to gun owners.

1. Reports that the administration is considering putting in a bill on plastic guns would help Sen. Howard Metzenbaum in the year he will be seeking reelection, but it would be contrary to the President's oft-repeated opposition to gun control.
2. The name of Laurence Silberman has been circulated as a potential Supreme Court nominee. Mr. Silberman took a strong position in favor of gun control when he testified before Senator Edward Kennedy in 1974.

Should either one of these matters come to pass, the confidence of gun owners in the President, and in Republicans in general, would be seriously undermined.

I hope that you will assure me that there is no truth to either of these reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence D. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Lawrence D. Pratt  
Executive Director