

July 31, 1996

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Re: *Requests for Additional Information and Records ATF-3, ATF-4, and ATF-5*
(ATF References L:D:EAO 96-655, 96-656, and 96-657)

We have received your three referenced letters dated May 28, 1996, and wish to request additional information and materials by way of following up on our three original requests.

Your response (96-657) to our Request ATF-3 states that searches of "Dallas, Texas, Criminal Enforcement offices, headquarters criminal enforcement offices, and the Office of the Chief Counsel" located no responsive records. Are these the only locations where responsive records might be housed? (We are aware, for example, that the Secret Service maintains a small archives of historically significant materials. Does the ATF have any comparable facility?) Do any of the offices that were searched store records at off-site locations, such as Federal Records Centers? If so, have these locations been searched for records responsive to the three referenced requests?

Regarding our Request ATF-4, your response (96-655) states that one responsive document was located. We also request that you identify the file in which you found this record, and allow one of our staff members to review the part of this file covering the years 1977, 1978, and 1979.

Regarding our Request ATF-5, your response (96-656) states that "all investigative files are destroyed 20 years past the fiscal year of the criminal investigation's initiation" pursuant to "Records Control Schedule 201." We request that you provide a copy of this "201" schedule. Your response further states that the only reference to John Thomas Masen that you can locate is in connection with a 1986 investigation, which, as you note, falls outside of the time frame of our original request. However, because this reference is the only ATF information identifiable with Mr. Masen or any of the other individuals who are the subjects of Request ATF-5, we ask that you retrieve the referenced material and make it available for review by one of our staff members.

If you have any questions, please contact Phil Golrick of my staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Sincerely yours,

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