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Dear Mr. Tuttle:

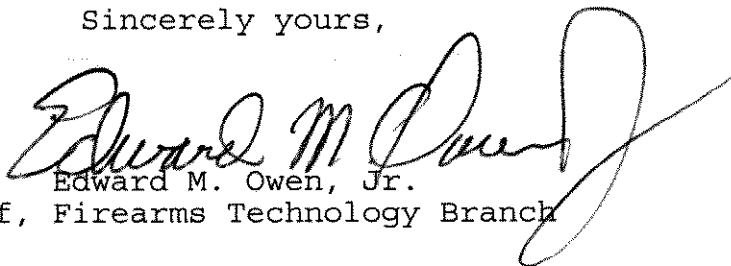
This is in reply to your letter dated September 28, 1998, in which you ask about the classification of the Air Taser electronic stun device.

The Air Taser utilizing compressed nitrogen to expel two barbed darts attached to insulated wires was classified as not being a firearm on November 30, 1993. The original device was submitted by Air Taser, Inc., 4601 East Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85253.

The classification of the device is still effective. The fact that the company has changed its name to Taser International has no bearing on the original classification provided that the current Air Taser has the same design, construction and method of operation as the Air Taser that was evaluated in 1993 and 1994.

We trust that the foregoing has been responsive to your inquiry. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely yours,



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Chief, Firearms Technology Branch