



Department of the Treasury

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Assistant Director

Washington, DC 20226

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**Open Letter to All Federal Firearms Licensees and
Federal Explosives Licensees and Permittees**

This is to notify you that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) has not received mail since October 25, 2001. Correspondence that has been affected by this situation includes applications for importation of firearms, explosives, and implements of war, National Firearms Act registrations and transfers, and all other written correspondence. Correspondence mailed to the National Licensing Center in Atlanta, Georgia, including Federal firearms license applications and renewals, and explosives license applications and permits, has not been affected by this situation. Currently, all mail that goes through the Brentwood Post Office in Washington, DC, including ATF mail, is being decontaminated. ATF has been assured by the United States Postal Service that mail affected by this situation will be delivered when it is safe to do so.

At this time, please do not resubmit applications, registrations, transfers, or correspondence you mailed to ATF at our Headquarters address, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, DC.

If you need additional information, please contact one of the offices listed below.

National Firearms Act Branch

Phone: (202) 927-8330 Fax: (202) 927-8601

Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch

Phone: (202) 927-8320 Fax: (202) 927-2697

Firearms, Explosives and Arson Services Division

Phone: (202) 927-8482 Fax: (202) 927-7488

Arson and Explosives Programs Division

Phone: (202) 927-7930 Fax: (202) 927-8887

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

John P. Malone
Assistant Director
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