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Mr. Len Savage
President
Historic Arms LLC
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Dear Mr. Savage:

In February 2006, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) submitted to this Office allegations of misconduct you made against ATF attorney James P. Vann arising out of *United States v. Wrenn*, 1:04-cr-0045 (D.S.C.). The allegations were contained in your January 17, 2006 letter to District Judge Margaret B. Seymour of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina. You asserted that you had been retained as an expert in firearms design and testing by the defense in *Wrenn*, and that ATF retaliated against you by withholding classification letters your company needs to manufacture firearms. You asserted that Mr. Vann was responsible for the review and release of the classification letters to Historic Arms LLC, and has an apparent conflict of interest because he advised the prosecution during the *Wrenn* trial.

In a May 31, 2006 letter to this Office, you also asserted that ATF lacked an official or written testing procedure or protocol, and that during the *Wrenn* trial, it used a "conversion device" to get a false positive result on Wrenn's devices. You stated that this information was confirmed in an ATF letter addressed to Brian Blakely, identified as number 903050:RDC 3311/2004-379. You alleged that Mr. Vann knew or should have known that Wrenn's right to a fair trial was compromised by the government's evidence, but he did nothing to inform the court or alert defense counsel.

We initiated an inquiry into this matter related to your allegations against James Vann. As you know, your allegations of misconduct against non-lawyers at ATF were considered by ATF's Office of Professional Responsibility and Security Operations. Based on the results of our inquiry, we concluded no further investigation of your allegations against Mr. Vann was warranted. Accordingly, we consider this matter to be closed.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

H. Marshall Jarrett
Counsel