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Dear Mr. Halford:

This is in reply to your correspondence, dated January 26, 2006, along with your submitted item, to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Firearms Technology Branch (FTB). The submitted item is a partially machined AR-15 pattern receiver, which you have submitted for classification with respect to its status under the Gun Control Act (GCA) of 1968.

The FTB examination determined that the receiver would need the machining operations for the following holes or openings to enable it to be used as the receiver of a firearm:

- Machine pivot pin hole(s).
- Machine takedown pin hole(s).
- Machine trigger pin hole(s).
- Machine trigger opening in the bottom of the trigger/hammer recess.
- Machine hammer pin hole(s).

Additional minor machining or fitting operations may also be required.

For your information, previous determinations by FTB have classified as "firearms," receivers featuring less machining than your sample. Since your sample is nearly complete, requiring only minor modifications to allow it to function as the frame or receiver of a firearm, it is a *firearm* as defined in 18 USC 921 (a)(3).

As you are aware, an AR-15 type receiver which has absolutely no machining performed in the area of the trigger/hammer recess might not be classified as a firearm. Such a receiver could have **all** other machining operations performed, including the boring of pivot pin and takedown pin hole(s) and clearance for the takedown pin lug, but it must be completely solid and unmachined in the trigger/hammer recess area. Your sample has been filled with clay by FTB to illustrate this area (see photo, next page). If you are interested in having such a modified item formally classified, you must re-submit the prototype to FTB for examination.

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Please note that, absent an actual submission, this response cannot constitute a classification of a receiver having a solid trigger/hammer area.



We thank you for your inquiry, and trust that the foregoing has been responsive.

Sincerely yours,

Sterling Nixon
Chief, Firearms Technology Branch