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Mr. Stephen D. Tuttle
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Dear Mr. Tuttle:

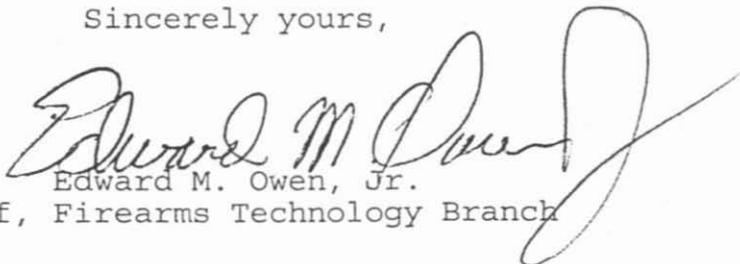
This is in reply to your letter dated September 28, 1998, in which you ask about the classification of the Air Taser electronic stun device.

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,



Edward M. Owen, Jr.

Chief, Firearms Technology Branch



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Mr. John H. Cover
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Dear Mr. Cover:

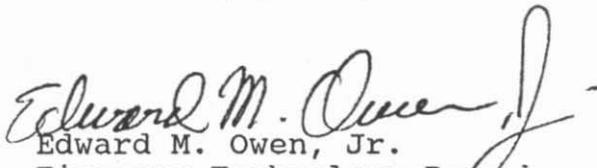
This refers to your letter of June 2, 1994, with which you provided additional information concerning the dimensions of the production version of Air Taser Model 34000 electronic stun gun. Also provided was information concerning changes to the cassette.

You indicated that the production version is approximately 1 inch longer than the prototype submitted but is slimmer in both width and thickness. You also indicated that the cassette, now called an air cartridge will utilize compressed carbon dioxide gas instead of nitrogen.

The above changes would have no bearing on the previous classification of the Air Taser as not being a firearm. This determination is based on the fact that the device does not utilize the frame or receiver of a firearm, does not expel a projectile by the action of an explosive, and the diameter of the bore(s) is less than one-half inch.

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

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