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             MR. CONTE: We call Mr. Len Savage.
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    LEN SAVAGE,
                                the witness, after being duly sworn
                                testified as follows:
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                           DIRECT EXAMINATION
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    BY MR. CONTE:
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        Please state your name for the record.
        My name is Len Savage.
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             THE COURT: You want to spell your last name for the
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    record.
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        S-A-V-A-G-E.
             THE COURT: Go ahead.
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    BY MR. CONTE:
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        Where are you from?
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        Heard County, Georgia.
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        And how are you employed?
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        I own a company called Historic Arms, LLC.
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        How long have you owned that company?
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        Since about 2000, 2001.
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- 1 Q How old are you?
- 2 A 40.
- 3 Q And how far did you go in school?
- 4 A Two years of college after high school.
- 5 Q And when did you become interested in guns?
- 6 A Since I can remember.
- 7 Q And your business, what exactly does your business do?
- 8 A We design reproductions of historic machineguns utilizing
- 9 as many of the original parts as possible.
- 10 Q How does that work?
- 11 A Well, we take machinegun parts, we assemble them so they
- 12 conform with the regulations of the ATF, make sure it's a
- 13 closed bolt, semiautomatic only, send it to the ATF to verify
- 14 compliance, and then we offer it for sale.
- 15 Q And what, if any, background do you need to do that type
- of business?
- 17 A Well, you've got to understand machining and welding, as
- 18 well as how firearms operate and the different systems.
- 19 Q And your historical approach would cause research into the
- 20 configuration of those weapons?
- 21 A Oh, yes, sir.
- 22 Q What type of weapons have you worked on?
- 23 A Worked on or designed?
- 24 Q Designed.
- 25 A The Bren Mark II semiautomatic, RPD semiautomatic, the Mag

- 1 58 semiautomatic, the SGNB semiautomatic, the 971 sport
- 2 rifle, and a host of other systems that are designed to
- 3 integrate with legal machineguns.
- 4 Q Now, besides your own company have you worked and
- 5 consulted with other companies?
- 6 A Yes, sir. That's the main thrust of my business, is
- 7 research design and development for other manufacturers.
- 8 Q And approximately how many other manufacturers have you
- 9 worked for?
- 10 A About six.
- 11 Q And you've been doing that all since 2000, 2001?
- 12 A Yes. Before then actually. I did some research and
- 13 development before that. But it was getting to the point
- 14 where I had to get my FFL.
- 15 Q And you said you had contact with the firearm technology
- 16 branch. How much contact have you had with them?
- 17 A Quite a bit. At least weekly on average.
- 18 Q And have you consulted with other people involving
- 19 firearms?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 O Like who?
- 22 A Attorneys, lawyers, other manufacturers, people who own
- 23 extensive collections so I can examine some of the rarer
- 24 pi eces.
- 25 Q Have you been hired as an expert by these people?

- 1 A From time to time.
- 2 Q And have you published articles about firearms?
- 3 A I've authored one. But there has been quite a bit that
- 4 have been authored by other people about my designs and our
- 5 firearms, as well as some other things involving the ATF.
- 6 Q And have you become involved in legislation concerning --
- 7 A Yes, I have.
- 8 Q What type of legislation is that?
- 9 A The short title was the Fairness in Firearms Testing Act.
- 10 Q What was that about?
- 11 A A real simple, short piece of legislation that would
- 12 require the firearms technology branch to videotape all their
- testing and examinations.
- MR. CONTE: Your Honor, we offer Mr. Savage as an
- 15 expert.
- THE COURT: Do you wish to voir dire?
- MR. REDKEY: If I could ask a couple questions.
- THE COURT: You may.
- 19 VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION
- 20 BY MR. REDKEY:
- 21 Q Good morning, Mr. Savage. I'm Bill Redkey.
- 22 A Good afternoon.
- 23 Q I had a chance to look at your CV. I want to make sure I
- 24 didn't miss anything with respect to your qualifications.
- Is it correct that you've never actually testified as a

- witness before in a court of law?
- 2 A I've never been allowed to testify. They usually dismiss
- 3 the charges beforehand.
- 4 Q Now, you list no military service either; is that correct?
- 5 A That is correct.
- 6 Q And no trade schools in gunsmithing?
- 7 A No trade schools in gunsmithing, but I'm a journeyman
- 8 machine builder by trade. I have an honorable withdrawal
- 9 card from the United Auto Workers.
- 10 Q But no gunsmithing?
- 11 A A gun is a machine. It's a little bit bigger than a
- 12 pocket watch, a little bit smaller than a car. A machine is
- 13 a machine. The same principles apply.
- 14 Q Have you had any formal training in firearms
- 15 classification?
- 16 A No, sir.
- 17 Q Have you had any formal training in federal firearms laws?
- 18 A No, sir.
- 19 Q Have you had any specialized training in Winchester or
- 20 M-14s?
- 21 A No, sir.
- 22 O H&K VP 70s?
- 23 A No, sir. No formal training, but I've fired all these
- 24 weapons, examined them in my day-to-day operations at Knob
- 25 Creek, working with other manufacturers. But no formalized

- 1 schooling.
- 2 Q That is, no schooling where people with superior knowledge
- 3 would check your progress and make sure you were learning
- 4 along the right path and firing with correct knowledge -- in
- other words, no supervision over that schooling?
- 6 A Well, I've gone to other manufacturers who have been in
- 7 the business quite a bit longer than I have and had them
- 8 school me. If that's your definition of schooling then I've
- 9 obviously had it.
- 10 Q Go ahead.
- 11 A But it wasn't at a university or recognized school, no.
- 12 Q You haven't taken any armorer's courses from Beretta,
- 13 Glock, Smith & Wesson, so forth?
- 14 A Well, an armorer's course is a maintenance course. No, I
- 15 haven't.
- 16 Q And I believe you got your 07 SOT FFL four years ago, in
- 17 2003; is that correct?
- 18 A 2003 I don't believe is correct. I believe it was 2001.
- 19 O I stand corrected.
- MR. REDKEY: We pass, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: All right. You may inquire.
- 22 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 23 BY MR. CONTE:
- 24 Q You were retained by me; is that correct?
- 25 A That is correct.

- 1 Q I'm paying you a fee?
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 Q So we have that straight, would you tell the ladies and
- 4 gentlemen of the jury what the fee is?
- 5 A \$3,500 plus travel, to cover my expenses coming here.
- 6 Q Now, when I first retained you I sent you some photographs
- 7 of an M-14; is that correct?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q And I also sent you the FTB reports on the M-14 and the
- 10 VP70; is that correct?
- 11 A That is correct.
- 12 Q On specifically the M-14 -- you wrote a report about both
- to me, correct?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q And specifically on the M-14 you were operating under a
- 16 misbelief that they weld on that sear attached to the frame;
- is that correct?
- 18 A Are we talking about the weld on the sear release and the
- 19 selector shaft?
- 20 Q Yes, sir.
- 21 A By looking at the photograph it looks like the weld goes
- 22 beyond just those two components and attached to the lug
- 23 underneath.
- 24 Q And you subsequently learned that that is not true. You
- were here for Mr. Galbraith's testimony?

- 1 A Yes, sir.
- 2 Q And he testified that it wasn't welded to it; is that
- 3 correct?
- 4 A Yes, sir. That's correct.
- 5 Q And you examined that firearm?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q What were your findings?
- 8 A Well, when I examined the firearm -- when I looked at the
- 9 photographs and I look at his report the pieces that he's
- talking about, the sear release and selector shaft, were
- 11 still permanently attached to the receiver. If they weren't
- 12 attached to the receiver he would have had no need to use a
- tool to cut anything off. It would have fell out or he could
- 14 have removed it.
- When the weld on that earlier photograph that you were
- 16 showing earlier -- the way that those are assembled --
- MR. CONTE: May I return the photograph?
- 18 BY MR. CONTE:
- 19 Q Let me put one of the photographs on the screen for you.
- 20 I'll direct your attention to defendant's Exhibit No. A-7.
- 21 Can you see that?
- 22 A Yes, sir.
- 23 Q What is it showing?
- 24 A Well, it's a picture of the receiver sear release and
- 25 selector shaft. You can see the weld right here

- 1 (indicating). And it shows that the two pieces were joined
- 2 together. What is not brought up is those two pieces cannot
- 3 be removed from that receiver unless you cut that weld. And
- 4 welding by definition is to permanently join two pieces of
- 5 metal together. It's not designed to be temporary.
- 6 Q All right. So we have a permanent change to the receiver?
- 7 A Correct. That's permanently attached.
- 8 Q Now, you reviewed the FTB report on the M-14, correct?
- 9 A Yes, sir.
- 10 Q And did you find any errors in the report?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q And what were they?
- 13 A Mr. Galbraith stated in his report that he didn't modify
- the receiver in Exhibit No. 45 in any way. He said that
- twice in his report. Then why did he need a Dremel, rotary
- tool? He had to use a machine, a machine tool to cut the
- 17 weld in order to remove those parts because those parts could
- not be removed unless that was cut.
- 19 Q Were there any other omissions in the report?
- 20 A It lacked any scientific method or documented, established
- 21 procedure he followed. It also lacked a timeline.
- 22 Q What do you mean a timeline?
- 23 A He didn't state in his report when he started, when he
- 24 ended, with his test. There is no timeline.
- 25 Q And that's important why?

- 1 A Because the time it takes to turn something from a
- 2 semiautomatic firearm to a machinegun is significant to ATF.
- 3 Q All right. Did he list the procedures that he used in the
- 4 report?
- 5 A He didn't list any procedures. He just goes on to state
- 6 what he did. He didn't say these are the procedures I'm
- 7 going to be following, and then go through and how they
- 8 applied to that weapon. It's obvious from the report that
- 9 when it didn't work the first go-around when he did his
- 10 function test or dry-fire test he just threw more parts at it
- 11 until he could get it to fire full auto. There is nothing
- that says that he can go one step, two steps, five steps, 20
- 13 steps. He could just have continued to throw parts at it
- 14 until it goes full auto.
- 15 Q Well, I believe he testified when he was on the stand that
- once a machinegun always a machinegun. Was that true for
- government's Exhibit No. 1?
- 18 A Well, that's a misleading statement. That's not true. I
- 19 have personal knowledge that that is not true.
- 20 Q What personal knowledge is that?
- 21 A When I submit a sample to FTB for approval with the
- government sometimes my first tryout doesn't work out so
- 23 well. And they'll point out features or characteristics that
- they don't like and say because of these features or
- characteristics it's a machinegun. They ship it back to me.

- 1 I take a look at what they said the features and
- 2 characteristics were. And then I would modify that to be in
- 3 accordance with the law and resubmit it to firearms
- 4 technology branch.
- 5 At least one incidence that I can think of off the top of
- 6 my head when they were going to send it back to me they said
- 7 you must file a Form 2 -- a Form 2 is where you declare and
- 8 you notify the government that you're going to manufacture a
- 9 machinegun. Sometimes they require it before they ship it
- 10 back to you. Sometime they don't.
- 11 If you file a Form 2 you have notified the government
- 12 you've manufactured a machinegun. They send my sample back
- to me. And then I look at the features and characteristics
- they say are offensive to the law. With respect to that I'll
- modify that weapon and resubmit it to firearms technology
- 16 branch for analysis.
- And in one incidence, the SGMB semiautomatic, they then
- declared it to be a firearm under 18 USC or illegal and
- 19 unlawful to possess. I filed a memorandum of update to the
- 20 NFRTR, gave them a copy of ATF's report declaring it to be a
- 21 lawful firearm and asked it to be removed from the registry.
- 22 And it was no longer a machinegun at that point, and I sold
- it to a customer.
- 24 Q All right. I guess the follow-up question is: Is a frame
- or receiver always a firearm -- a machinegun?

- 1 A
- 2 It depends. That would depend on what type of weapon
- 3 we're talking about.
- 4 Q What about the M-14 that was brought in -- government's
- 5 Exhibit No. 1?
- 6 A The frame or receiver is, as he said, the heart of the
- 7 weapon.
- 8 THE COURT: Is there a difference between the frame
- 9 and the receiver? Or are they different words to describe
- the same thing?
- 11 A It can be very confusing.
- Sometimes what you would think would be the frame or
- 13 receiver -- government's Exhibit No. 1. The frame or the
- 14 receiver is a frame or receiver because the barrel attaches
- to it, the sights are on it, and the bolt and bolt carrier
- 16 are within it.
- However, on an AR-15 or M-16 that same housing that holds
- the barrel, holds the sights, holds the bolt and bolt carrier
- isn't a firearm, and you don't even have to fill out a 4473
- to purchase one.
- 21 BY MR. CONTE:
- 22 Q Where is the frame or receiver on the AR-15?
- 23 A That would be what they consider the lower receiver and it
- 24 houses the trigger group and the butt stock and pistol grip.
- 25 Q So I guess that begs the question: What is the most

- 1 important part of the gun? Is it the frame, the receiver, or
- the trigger group? Frame or the trigger group?
- 3 A That's a moving target and subject to interpretation and
- 4 reinterpretation.
- 5 Q Well, does the FTB change their interpretation of what is
- the frame or receiver or machinegun over time?
- 7 A Yes, sir.
- 8 Q How often does that happen?
- 9 A It can happen -- how often does it happen? I can only
- tell you it's happened to me more than once.
- 11 Q So would it be possible at one point for them to designate
- one point of the AR-15 as the receiver and another time it
- could be the lower part?
- 14 A Not to my knowledge on that particular firearm. But on
- some other firearms or firearm systems that I'm very familiar
- 16 with at one point the government determined it to not be a
- 17 firearm nor a machinegun, and then ten months later wrote me
- 18 a letter saying we've changed our mind; not only is this a
- 19 firearm it's a machinegun.
- 20 Q So the FTB is capable of making mistakes?
- 21 A Oh, yes, sir. They've made multiple mistakes in dealing
- 22 with my company.
- 23 Q And to your knowledge have they made mistakes with other
- 24 companies?
- 25 A Yes, sir.

- 1 Q And what about -- I'll withdrawal that question.
- 2 A This --
- 3 Q There's no, question sir.
- 4 You were here during Mr. Galbraith's testimony. You heard
- 5 his testimony, correct?
- 6 A Yes, sir.
- 7 Q And he testified that he could make a machinegun out of a
- 8 semi automatic?
- 9 A That's entirely correct. All semiautomatics can be turned
- into a machinegun if you give enough time and effort into
- 11 them. Some much faster than others.
- 12 Q Well, you've read his report on the M-14. How much
- training and experience would you need in firearms to make
- the same changes that he was able to make whether it's 30
- 15 minutes to two hours?
- 16 A Well, somebody more than average would have to understand
- 17 how to do that so that they didn't damage it when they
- 18 attempted it.
- 19 Q Could you damage the frame or receiver with a Dremel tool?
- 20 A Certainly.
- 21 Q So before you make any changes to it you probably have to
- 22 have some experience. Would that be a fair statement?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- MR. CONTE: Court's indulgence.
- 25 BY MR. CONTE:

- 1 Q The guns you supply are all historical replicas?
- 2 A Most of them.
- 3 Q And the methods that Mr. Galbraith talked about today and
- 4 the M-14, if they applied to your guns what would happen?
- 5 A I'm afraid if -- if you were allowed to just remove weld
- 6 in order to change a semiautomatic to a full automatic then
- 7 certainly one or two of my firearms would fall under that and
- 8 would be illegal under that type of criteria that you
- 9 described.
- 10 Q What does a weld do to a gun?
- 11 A Well, it can do many things. You can join parts together.
- 12 Specifically, if you were to remove the weld in my Bren
- 13 semiautomatic, the only difference in my Bren semiautomatic
- 14 receiver and a fully automatic Bren is weld on the interior
- 15 left-hand rail. If you remove the weld from that it would
- become a machinegun receiver. But that would be illegal.
- 17 $\,$ Q $\,$ To your knowledge has the M-14 ever been sold to the
- 18 general public?
- 19 A Yes, sir.
- 20 Q When was that?
- 21 A 1963 to '65. The DCM, now called the civilian
- 22 marksmanship program, utilized very much similar methods in
- 23 manufacturing a semiautomatic version of the M-14 and sold it
- 24 to the general public. Thousands of them.
- 25 Q And how long did that go on?

- 1 A I believe in 1968, 1970, the ATF changed its mind. They
- originally approved that type of method and then
- approximately 1970 changed their mind from my research.
- 4 Q Has the M-14 ever been used as a sniper rifle?
- 5 A I believe so.
- 6 Q Is that used in semi or full automatic mode?
- 7 A Semi. You wouldn't -- a sniper rifle to me would indicate
- 8 that a scope would be mounted. I would not want to try to
- 9 attempt to shoot an M-14 with a scope on it.
- MR. CONTE: I have nothing further. Thank you.
- THE COURT: Cross of the witness.
- 12 CROSS-EXAMI NATI ON
- 13 BY MR. REDKEY:
- 14 Q Mr. Galbraith, you were not present during Adam
- 15 Galbraith's -- I'm sorry, Mr. Galbraith's examination of the
- 16 firearms in this case, were you?
- 17 A No, sir, I was not present. I'm going off his report and
- the photographs.
- 19 Q So you just read the report of his technical examination?
- 20 A And what it did contain or did not contain. That is
- 21 correct.
- 22 Q You were observing here today as he gave his testimony?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- 24 Q And wouldn't you agree that that was a very professional
- technical examination that he recreated here today?

- 1 A Yes, sir.
- 2 Q You don't doubt his credentials as an expert, do you?
- 3 A I don't doubt his credentials. I doubt his conclusions.
- 4 Q You've never actually restored an M-14 from semiautomatic
- 5 to full automatic or vice-versa, have you?
- 6 A No, sir.
- 7 Q But you're familiar with the cutting tool that
- 8 Mr. Galbraith talked about here today, the Dremel tool?
- 9 A Yes, sir.
- 10 Q Is that a tool that you use in your firearm manufacturing?
- 11 A That's one of many I have.
- 12 Q That's a tool that is fairly common in the industry, isn't
- 13 it?
- 14 A It is.
- 15 Q It's fairly common? You can probably go down to Home
- 16 Depot and buy it, couldn't you?
- 17 A Yes, sir.
- 18 $\,$ Q $\,$ And you agree with the report that -- and Mr. Galbraith's
- 19 testimony -- that he had to cut a small weld on the sear
- 20 release, is that right, on the internal mechanism?
- 21 A Yes, sir. But that same operation performed, say, on an
- 22 SKS rifle which is commonly available would turn it into a
- 23 machinegun and it would not require any more parts.
- 24 Q Okay. And that particular part that was welded was not
- welded to the frame and the receiver, was it? Let's use the

- term "receiver." Is receiver the term that is usually used
- 2 with respect to machineguns and frames or more with pistols
- 3 and so forth?
- 4 A They have been interchanged in our industry.
- 5 Q I'll call it a receiver.
- 6 A That's fine.
- 7 Q There wasn't actually any change to the receiver itself,
- 8 was there?
- 9 A That's incorrect, sir.
- 10 Q Why?
- 11 A Because those two parts were permanently attached to that
- 12 receiver by weld. At that point in time you could not remove
- those parts unless you machined off that weld. At that point
- in time it became one homogenous unit.
- 15 Q So your testimony is that simply by removing that weld he
- 16 altered the receiver of that firearm?
- 17 A Certainly.
- 18 Q But you would agree that it's a fairly simple procedure to
- cut that weld and you probably do that many times during a
- week or month of your manufacturing?
- ${\tt 21}$ ${\tt A}$ It is a simple procedure. But as I've told you there is
- other firearms out there that you could do that to that you
- 23 could render into a machinegun far faster than the 30 minutes
- that he said it took him to do this.
- 25 Q So your answer is it is a fairly quick and easy procedure?

- 1 A It is if you know precisely what you're cutting and where
- 2 to cut it and how to cut it. Had somebody been untrained
- 3 what they would have done they could have cut right through
- 4 that lug and rendered that thing ruined, and there is no way
- 5 parts could have fit, and they could have actually harmed the
- 6 shooter.
- 7 Q But you would agree that Adam Galbraith is not such a
- 8 person. He's --
- 9 A No. He has extensive knowledge.
- 10 Q So when he did it fairly quickly and fairly simply you
- 11 would agree that that is how it was done, wouldn't you?
- 12 A I would agree that Mr. Galbraith could do that fairly
- 13 simply and fairly quickly because he's an expert not an
- 14 average person.
- 15 Q And wouldn't you agree that it's a fairly simple and quick
- 16 procedure to simply remove the trigger group from that
- 17 firearm?
- 18 A Certainly.
- 19 O And to remove the stock from that firearm?
- 20 A Certainly.
- 21 Q And wouldn't you agree also that it's fairly quick and
- 22 simple to reinstall the parts that you heard him testify
- 23 about?
- 24 A But even he didn't realize the parts were modified. He
- 25 said so in his report.

- 1 Q The trigger group, he said there was a piece on the
- 2 trigger group that had been modified?
- 3 A Sear had been removed in the Exhibit 1 to preclude it from
- 4 firing fully automatically.
- 5 Q Right. That's part of the trigger group, isn't it?
- 6 A Yes, sir. But if he's an expert and he didn't realize it
- 7 right away, how could anybody else?
- 8 Q Maybe he didn't look.
- 9 THE COURT: Just a moment. Don't argue with the
- 10 witness. You can ask questions. He'll give answers. That
- is the way we proceed.
- 12 BY MR. REDKEY:
- 13 Q So but my point is that part is not on the trigger group;
- 14 is that correct?
- 15 A What part? I don't understand.
- 16 Q The part that was ground down that prevented it from
- 17 firing full auto.
- 18 A That's a part of the trigger group, yes.
- 19 Q Not part of the receiver?
- 20 A That is correct.
- 21 Q When he discovered that all he had to do was just switch
- out the trigger group and put in a new one; is that correct?
- 23 A When you say "just switch out" they happen to have an
- 24 extensive firearms collection. Even I as a manufacturer
- would have to make arrangements and have it shipped in and

- 1 find one that hasn't been altered.
- 2 Q So then you would agree that at least the trigger group
- 3 part is something that is available on the open market. It's
- 4 not a restricted part?
- 5 A It's available. It's not readily available. You can't
- 6 walk down to your Wal-Mart and buy one.
- 7 Q But if you were in business you could find it somewhere,
- 8 Internet catalogs, etcetera?
- 9 A Certainly, if you were in the business.
- 10 Q Now, you talked a little bit about these M-14s that were
- 11 sold at one point to the general public.
- Do you recall that testimony?
- 13 A Yes, sir. That is correct.
- 14 Q And by your testimony those guns were sold to the DCM?
- 15 A Not sold to the DCM. The director of civilian
- 16 marksmanship is what DCM stands for. They were sold to the
- 17 general public through the DCM. And this is what my research
- 18 indicated. I had to find out. I couldn't tell from the
- 19 photograph whether or not that was a DCM-sold rifle or not.
- 20 Q And then later they were recalled, according to your
- 21 testi mony?
- 22 A I didn't say they were recalled. I said that the ATF
- changed its mind.
- 24 Q And when was that?
- 25 A | believe 1970.

- 1 Q And, in fact, wasn't it around 1968 when the Gun Control
- 2 Act was enacted?
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 Q And that affected the change in the law with respect to
- 5 those guns, didn't it?
- 6 A Yes, sir. That's where readily restorable I guess got its
- 7 start because people were just removing internal components
- 8 from their firearms and saying, Okay, it won't shoot. And
- 9 this new law addressed that.
- 10 Q Because it was too easy to switch it out and restore it to
- 11 full auto?
- 12 A You didn't have to make any alterations at that point. It
- just didn't have to fire is my understanding.
- 14 Q But you are familiar generally with the Winchester M-14;
- is that correct?
- 16 A I'm familiar with the M-14, T and W. Quite a few other
- 17 manufacturers. I looked and examined and fired.
- 18 Q I'm focusing on the Winchester M-14. You're aware that
- 19 that was manufactured to fire in both semiautomatic and full
- 20 automatic mode; is that correct?
- 21 A That is correct.
- 22 o And it was manufactured with what was called a selector or
- 23 selector switch so that you could choose which mode to shoot
- 24 it in; is that correct?
- 25 A Yes, sir, that is correct.

- 1 Q And it is the frame and receiver I think you agreed is the
- 2 heart of the firearm and that's the part of the firearm, is
- 3 it not, that permits that gun to fire in a full-auto mode?
- 4 A That is incorrect.
- 5 O Correct me.
- 6 A You have to have all the other ancillary equipment. You
- 7 have the full auto trigger group, the selector, you have to
- 8 have --
- 9 Q To be sure, there are other parts, but that is the part
- that allows those other parts to interact and shoot full
- 11 automatic; is that correct?
- 12 A That is correct. And it's also very confusing because if
- those same rules apply then every AR-15 upper would have to
- 14 be considered a machinegun because they allowed the same
- thing.
- 16 Q All right. And you had frequent interaction with ATF and
- 17 FTB; is that correct?
- 18 A That is correct.
- 19 Q So you have actually come to rely to some degree, or maybe
- to a great degree, on their expertise in deciding the
- 21 classification of firearms; is that correct?
- 22 A To a degree. Sometimes I don't always agree with them. I
- 23 don't always rely on them. We discuss it. I've developed a
- 24 professional relationship with the firearms technology branch
- over the years.

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MR. REDKEY: If I may have a few moments.
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             Your Honor, I have no further questions of this
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             THE COURT: Any redirect?
             MR. CONTE: No, thank you, Your Honor.
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