Indianapolis II Field Office (Industry Operations) 151 N Delaware Street, Suite 1000 Indianapolis, IN 46204 USA

October 24, 2011

Dear Sir;

I am writing to ask for clarification on the applicability of National Firearms Act regulations and any other related regulations on items manufactured prior to January 1, 1899.

Specifically, I would like to know if any regulations apply to shortening the barrel and stock of a cartridge-firing 12 gauge shotgun manufactured prior to 1899. I would like to use a double barrel shotgun with 2 5/8" chambers and shorten the barrels to approximately 12" to 14" and shorten the stock so that the overall length is approximately 18" to 20", reshaping the stock so that the gun is intended to be fired by a single hand without bringing the stock to the shoulder.

The following image shows a muzzle loading firearm similar to the finished shape to which I am intending to modify an antique cartridge-firing shotgun (of course, my intent is contingent on finding that this project is legal). This muzzle leading version is currently offered for commercial sale by Davide Pedersoli & Company and can be purchased within the United States by Cabela's (among other retailers). I found it for sale at the following web address: http://www.cabelas.com/pistols-davide-pedersoli-howdah-pistol.shtml



I am requesting specifically the opinion of ATF as to the legality of this project. Please inform me of the official determination by return mail at the address listed below.

Sincerely;

Josh Miller XXXX X XXX X XXXXXXXXX, IN XXXXX