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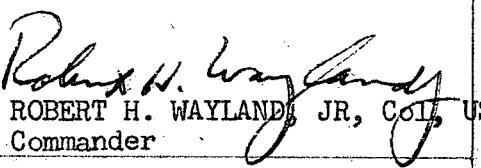
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<p>Investigation requested by Comdr, Eglin AFB, FL on 7 Jul 69, to determine circumstances surrounding importation of 3 boxes of captured enemy weapons by SUBJECT. Two boxes containing a total of 21 weapons, 5 noise suppressors, and related equipment seized. Both boxes marked for SUBJECT. Munitions officials advised boxes were stored at request of SUBJECT. Deputy Comdr, AFATL, advised his agency was queried by ARPA, a DOD agency, about a box of weapons being sent through ARPA channels. Investigation disclosed SUBJECT sent 12 weapons to Eglin AFB from SEA while TDY in RVN in Nov 68. Eleven of these weapons were subsequently shipped from Eglin AFB to Sionics, Atlanta, at SUBJECT's request and at government expense. The twelfth weapon recovered at Eglin AFB. Deputy Comdr, AFATL, advised SUBJECT had no known authority to send weapons from SEA nor to ship weapons to Sionics; Sionics does not have AF contract. Records reflect SUBJECT, since Nov 68, has placed 7 long distance telephone calls to Sionics, at government expense. In verbal statement, SUBJECT advised he shipped one box containing 12 captured enemy weapons from SEA in approximately Nov 68 as part of his assigned duties to assist Vice-President of Sionics; that 11 of the weapons were subsequently forwarded to Sionics in Mar 69, because he considered Sionics an AF contractor. He advised that official telephone calls were placed for same reason. SUBJECT stated he acted as an agent for the USAF in all instances. He declined to execute a written statement at this time. SUBJECT's former supervisor in SEA advised that he did not authorize or direct the shipment of any captured enemy weapons to Sionics. Matter coordinated with U. S. Treasury agents who opined that SUBJECT was in violation of Public Law 90-618.</p>			
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DETAILS

1. This investigation was requested by the Commander, Eglin AFB, Florida on 7 July 1969, based on a request from the Commander, Air Force Armament Laboratory (AFATL), Eglin AFB, to determine the circumstances surrounding the importation of three boxes of captured enemy weapons by PAUL ARNOLD MARRIOTT (SUBJECT), Lt Col, 513-10-4236FR, AFATL, during the approximate period of November 1968 - July 1969.
2. On 7 July 1969, at Eglin AFB, Florida, a letter dated 3 July 1969, from the Commander, AFATL, was reviewed and the body of the letter is set forth as follows:

"1. It is requested that an investigation be conducted to determine if the laws/regulations regarding the importation of firearms have been complied with in the following instance.

"a. Approximately the first week in June Mr Beard of ARPA called Colonel Berkow of ADTC and inquired about a box of enemy weapons that had been shipped through the transportation capabilities of ARPA to Eglin AFB, Attention of Lt Colonel P. A. Marriott. Colonel Berkow called the Armament Laboratory (AFATL) since Lt Colonel Marriott is assigned to AFATL.

"b. A search was made to locate the shipment. Two boxes were found each containing North Vietnamese weapons. Both boxes were addressed as follows: FB2823 USAF (DOL-AFSC) Attn L/C P. A. Marriott.

"c. Subsequently, it was discovered that a shipment of North Vietnamese weapons and ammunition had been received at Eglin in early March and had been reshipped to Sionics Corporation, 1655 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia. The attached documents pertain to this shipment.

"2. Colonel J. H. Hobough, telephone 882-2763, will be available to discuss in more detail the above information."

The above letter is being retained in the files of OSI District 7 and will be available to proper authority upon request.

3. On 9 July 1969, J. T. KING, Lt Col, 472-12-2614FR, Staff Judge Advocate, 3201st Air Base Group, Eglin AFB, Florida, was apprised of the information contained in the above letter, by SA WILLIAM D. DIXON. KING advised that in his opinion, there existed probable cause to warrant the issuance by the Base Commander of an authorization for search and seizure of any captured enemy weapons contained in the storage facilities of the 3207th Armament and Munitions Test Support Squadron (AMTS), Eglin AFB.

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KING also opined that there was probably a violation of Public Law 90-618 (Gun Control Act of 1968), possibly a violation of customs regulations, and possibly a fraud in that government transportation facilities had been misused.

4. On 9 July 1969, DONALD V. THOMPSON, Colonel, 472-12-2614FR, Deputy Commander, 3201st Air Base Group, Eglin AFB, Florida, was briefed concerning this matter, by SA DIXON. Colonel THOMPSON subsequently executed an Authority to Search and Seize, thereby authorizing the seizure of any captured enemy weapons contained in the storage facilities of the 3207th AMTS.

5. On 9 July 1969, a search of the storage facilities of the 3207th AMTS, Building 1270, Eglin AFB, Florida, was conducted by SA DIXON, in presence of JOSIAH C. MUSICK, CMSgt, FR361-07-1904, and CLARENCE M. GREEN, SMSgt, **FR259-44-2188**, NCOIC and Assistant NCOIC, respectively. The search revealed the presence of two packing crates marked for SUBJECT containing a total of 21 various automatic weapons, five noise suppressors, two range finders, 32 ammunition magazines and a brass plaque mounted on a piece of wood. The crates and contents were seized and taken as evidence against proper receipt and are being held by the evidence custodian of OSI Detachment 710, Eglin AFB, Florida, and are available to proper authority upon request.

6. On 11 July 1969, this investigation was coordinated with WILLIAM C. GOODMAN, SSAN: **579-20-19734** and ROBERT E. SANDERS, SSAN: 150-26-6417, Special Investigators, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Control Division, Internal Revenue Service (Treasury Department), Pensacola, Florida, at Eglin AFB, Florida. GOODMAN advised that based on the available information, it appears that SUBJECT is in violation of Public Law 90-618; however, he would query his headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia and Washington, D. C. in an attempt to ascertain if SUBJECT had applied for permission to import the weapons or had submitted application to register the weapons. GOODMAN added that his inquiry would be accomplished by the most expeditious means available. GOODMAN and SANDERS requested that they be present during the photographing and identification of the weapons and during all interviews of witnesses and SUBJECT during this investigation.

7. On 11 July 1969, at Eglin AFB, Florida, the weapons were photographed in the presence of the writer, SA DIXON, GOODMAN and SANDERS, by CARL (NMI) CASSULO, SSGt, FR122-14-3910, Photographic Laboratory, Eglin AFB. The weapons are further identified as follows:

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PACKING CRATE NR 1:

- 1 each Light Machine Gun (ChiCom), S/N 930228
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N KZ 10682
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N 11062936
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N 12057463
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N 9004420
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (Folding Stock) (ChiCom), S/N 610138
- 1 each Burp Gun (ChiCom), S/N 368603
- 1 each Machine Gun (K) (Swedish), S/N 502166
- 1 each Rocket Launcher (B-40) (Russian), S/N AF 305
- 1 each Rocket Launcher (B-40) (Russian), S/N 902098
- 1 each Rifle (M-14) (USA), S/N 4800
- 1 each Rifle, Caliber .22 (Winchester M-52), S/N 69494B,
(w/Scope S/N 31411)
- 1 each Noise Suppressor Nr HELE 4A
- 1 each Noise Suppressor Nr 6A
- 1 each Noise Suppressor Nr 605
- 1 each Noise Suppressor Nr 19
- 1 each Noise Suppressor (no number)

PACKING CRATE NR 2:

- 1 each Rocket Launcher (B-40) (Russian), S/N 424 (w/Scope S/N DB264)
- 1 each Rocket Launcher (B-40) (Russian), S/N 510 (w/Scope S/N 7078)
- 1 each Assault Rifle (Swedish), S/N 14449
- 1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N 12091918

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1 each Assault Rifle (AK-47) (ChiCom), S/N 12045

1 each Burp Gun (ChiCom), S/N 334002

1 each Machine Gun (M3A1) (US), S/N 607613

1 each Thompson Submachine Gun (US), S/N 255947

1 each Light Machine Gun (w/drum) (ChiCom), S/N 212160

It is noted that one of the above noise suppressors is marked "Sionics."

The above mentioned inventory also revealed the presence of a total of 32 ammunition magazines of various types.

Photographs of the above mentioned weapons are appended to this report as attachments.

8. On 14 July 1969, JOHN H. HOBAUGH, Colonel, 165-05-2634FR, Deputy Commander, AFATL, Eglin AFB, Florida, was interviewed at his duty station by GOODMAN and the writer. Colonel HOBAUGH advised substantially as follows: The first part of June 1969, he received a telephone call from Colonel BERKOW of the Armament Development and Test Center (ADTC), Eglin AFB. Colonel BERKOW stated that he had received a call from a Mr. BEARD (NFI) of the Advance Research Project Agency (ARPA), a DOD agency, who inquired about a box of enemy weapons that had been shipped through the transportation capabilities of ARPA to Eglin AFB, to the attention of Lt Col P. A. MARRIOTT. At this time Colonel HOBAUGH attempted to contact SUBJECT, but was unable to do so as SUBJECT was on leave; however, he left a message for SUBJECT to call him the next day. The next day SUBJECT called Colonel HOBAUGH and was instructed to telephonically contact Mr. BEARD and explain to BEARD the circumstances surrounding the shipping of the enemy weapons. At this time Colonel HOBAUGH went on leave, returning about 1 July 1969. Upon his return to duty, Colonel HOBAUGH was asked by Colonel MARTIN, Commander, AFATL, to look into the circumstances surrounding the shipment of enemy weapons and ammunition to Sionics from Eglin AFB, Florida and at the same time showing Colonel HOBAUGH a shipping document, dated 13 March 1969, requesting the shipment of two boxes of miscellaneous equipment to Sionics, 1655 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attn: Mr. FRED BROWN, signed by SUBJECT. Colonel HOBAUGH further stated that the boxes of so called miscellaneous equipment were found to contain weapons and ammunition and were therefore repacked and shipped by the organizational logistics personnel according to their instructions from SUBJECT.

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Colonel HOBAUGH advised that SUBJECT made several conflicting statements concerning his knowledge of how the enemy weapons got into the U.S. from the Republic of Vietnam (RVN). SUBJECT stated that he thought the weapons were registered by Sionics; SUBJECT stated that he thought the weapons were for the museum at Eglin AFB; and SUBJECT denied any knowledge of how any of the boxes of enemy weapons were sent to Eglin AFB. SUBJECT stated to Colonel HOBAUGH that while assigned to 7th Air Force in RVN, he acted as escort officer for MITCHELL WER BELL III, Vice-President of Sionics, and during such duties introduced WER BELL to several agencies. Colonel HOBAUGH also recalled that SUBJECT had stated that WER BELL was in RVN under Air Force sponsorship and was a close friend of the Thai Chief of Staff. Colonel HOBAUGH recalled that Colonel BILL FAGAN was SUBJECT's supervisor in RVN. Colonel HOBAUGH stated that to the best of his knowledge the Air Force museum at Eglin AFB has only a few old Viet Cong weapons as the museum was appointed to display weapons of U.S. origin and the Air Force Laboratory has no test program for enemy weapons. Furthermore, no need exists for enemy weapons at Eglin AFB. Colonel HOBAUGH stated that it is not likely that SUBJECT had any authority to ship any enemy weapons from RVN, and SUBJECT unequivocally had no authority to ship any weapons to Sionics as the Air Force Laboratory at Eglin AFB presently has no contract with Sionics, nor has it ever had a contract with Sionics for any purpose.

9. On 14 July 1969, the following information was disclosed from a review of SUBJECT's administrative records on file at the CBPO, Eglin AFB, Florida:

NAME:	PAUL ARNOLD MARIOTT
GRADE/AFSN:	Lt Col/FR35859
D&POB:	5 Jun 15/Greenfield, OK
MARITAL STATUS:	Married-2
DATE OF CURRENT ENLISTMENT:	9 Feb 51
DATE OF EST:	None indicated
LENGTH OF SERVICE:	27 years, 1 month
AFSC:	2716
EDUCATION:	BA, 1938
MILITARY RESERVE	
AFFILIATION:	None
SSAN:	513-10-4236
DATE ASSIGNED:	14 Jul 65
DUTY TITLE:	Lab Chief Assistant
ORGANIZATION:	AFATL, Eglin AFB, FL
MAJOR AIR COMMAND:	AFSC
CLEARANCE:	TOP SECRET, 16 Sep 63, Det 1 SHAPE, 1141st USAF Spc Act Sqd, APO 55 NY; Location of file: DO 5

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HOME OF RECORD:

c/o Llewellyn Co., 7th at
Montgomery, Fort Worth, TX
Caucasian/Male

RACE/SEX:

RECORD OF DISCIPLINARY

ACTION:

OTHER PERTINENT

INFORMATION:

None indicated

Wife: BETTY B. MARRIOTT, 14
Alexandria Place SE, Fort Walton
Beach, FL

Highest Award Held: BSM, 26 Dec 68

TDY to SEA, 28 May to 21 Nov 68

10. On 15 July 1969, OTIS R. FRYE, WS-8, SSAN: 228-10-2575, Freight Checker, 3201st Transportation Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida, advised at Eglin AFB, that a review of his files revealed a copy of a Government Bill of Lading (GBL) Nr Z-6,684,529, dated 19 May 1969, which reflected an incoming shipment of firearms weighing 183 pounds, from Chief, JUSMAG Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, through Charleston AFB, South Carolina to Eglin AFB, Florida. The shipment was marked: USAF ARMAMENT LABORATORY (DOL-AFSC) ATTN: LTC P. A. MARRIOTT. The shipment arrived at Eglin AFB, Florida on 2 June 1969 and was receipted for by CHARLIE B. MOBLEY, SSgt, 3207th AMTS on 7 July 1969. FRYE furnished the above document to the writer. A reproduced copy of the document is appended to this report as an attachment. The copy furnished by FRYE is being retained in the files of OSI District 7 and will be released to proper authority upon request. *Copy +*

11. On 15 July 1969, S. P. REEVES, GS-8, SSAN: **281-50-7220**, Shipment Planner, 3201st Transportation Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida, advised at Eglin AFB that a review of his files revealed a copy of a GBL, Nr F-0,648,922, dated 28 March 1969, with an attached DD Form 1149 (REQUISITION AND INVOICE/SHIPPING DOCUMENT), dated 13 March 1969, Requisition Nr FB2823 9073X100XXX, both of which he furnished to the writer. A review of these documents revealed that an outgoing shipment consisting of one box of small arms ammunition weighing 55 pounds and a box of captured enemy weapons, weighing 140 pounds, was shipped from AFATL (ATEL), Eglin AFB, Florida 32542 (Mr. COOLEY/882-2328) to Sionics, 1655 Peachtree Street N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attn: Mr. FRED BROWN. The DD Form 1149 reflects serial numbers for the 11 weapons as follows: 4514, 1300273, 35285, 68149, 12099391, 928231, 8414320, 12047120, 411564, 700867 and 930843.

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A copy of the above mentioned documents are appended to this report as attachments.

12. On 15 July 1969, CLARENCE M. COOLEY, GS-9, SSAN: 505-32-7744, Logistics Officer, AFATL (ATDA-Log), was interviewed at Eglin AFB, Florida, and advised as follows: On 13 March 1969, Sgt ARNOLD of his office advised him that there were two boxes of small arms and ammunition in the logistics storage facility for SUBJECT. COOLEY stated that he advised SUBJECT that the arms and ammunition could not be shipped without authorization. SUBJECT therefore requested by letter dated 13 March 1969 that the arms and ammunition be shipped as miscellaneous equipment to Sionics, 1655 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Attn: Mr. FRED BROWN. COOLEY therefore made the arrangements for the shipment and the DD Form 1149, Nr FB2823 9073 X100XXX was executed. A file containing the following documents was furnished to the writer by COOLEY:

a. Original letter dated 13 March 1969, signed by SUBJECT, requesting Mr. COOLEY to ship two boxes of miscellaneous equipment to Sionics.

b. Form letter dated 8 April 1969, to Sionics advising them of the shipment of weapons and ammunition to them; this letter reflects shipment received on 11 April 1969.

c. Two copies of AF Form 1149 (with air movement designator FB 5629 8325X002, 20 Nov 68) reflecting the shipment of a total of 12 captured enemy weapons, 19 magazines, 2 pouches with magazines, and 1 circular drum, from Hq 7 AF DAFSC APO 96307 to ACK 2823 Eglin AFB, FL 32542, marked: Hold for LtCol MARRIOTT.

The above mentioned DD Form 1149 further reflects that an attempt has been made to obliterate one of the serial numbers from the list of 12 weapons. The effaced serial number appears to be 9473736.

COOLEY advised that the box of weapons was opened on 13 March 1969 in the presence of SUBJECT and Sgt ARNOLD, and that they should have knowledge of the missing weapon.

The above mentioned documents are being retained in the files of OSI District 7 and are available to proper authority upon request. Copies of the documents are appended to this report as attachments.

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13. On 15 July 1969, JOHN C. LYNCH, SMSgt, FR215-22-3876, First Sergeant, AFATL, Eglin AFB, Florida, furnished to the writer the AF Forms 1072 (AUTHORIZED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS) for the period from 1 December 1968 to date. A review of these forms disclosed that SUBJECT placed seven long distance telephone calls to either Mr. FRED BROWN or Sionics at telephone numbers 404-873-3672, 404-873-3673, and 404-366-7120 during the period from 2 December 1968 to 9 July 1969. The documents for the pertinent periods are being retained in the files of OSI District 7, available to proper authority upon request.
14. On 15 July 1969, LIDA R. McEWEN, SSAN: [REDACTED] Secretary, AFATL, Eglin AFB, Florida, advised that she recalled SUBJECT personally placed a long distance telephone call to Sionics in approximately December 1968.
15. On 16 July 1969, PAUL (NMN) ARNOLD, SSgt, FR489-38-5452, Logistics Office, AFATL, Eglin AFB, Florida, was interviewed at his duty station and advised substantially as follows: On 13 March 1969, SUBJECT informed him that there were two boxes in the AFATL storage facility that had to be shipped out. ARNOLD subsequently went to the storage facility with SUBJECT and Capt JERRY McEWEN where the two boxes were opened and were found to contain weapons and ammunition. Among the weapons there was one that had apparently been damaged in combat and both SUBJECT and McEWEN expressed a great deal of interest in the weapon. ARNOLD stated that he left the storage facility to proceed to packing and crating to make arrangements for the shipment, and SUBJECT and McEWEN were left alone in the facility with the weapons. ARNOLD stated that he did not see either SUBJECT or McEWEN remove a weapon from that area, but he felt that one or the other took the weapon, therefore explaining why only 11 weapons were shipped to Sionics.
16. On 16 July 1969, JERALD B. MASSEY, Lt Col, 711-14-9602PR, Commander, 3207th AMTS, advised at Eglin AFB, Florida that in approximately February 1969, someone from SUBJECT's office called him to ask if a box of arms could be stored for a few days. He assented and the box was therefore stored in Building 1270 until seized by OSI on 9 July 1969.
17. On 16 July 1969, WARREN G. COOK, CMSgt, [REDACTED], 3207th AMTS, advised at Eglin AFB, Florida that on 6 July 1969, SUBJECT called and requested that a box of weapons, which was at that time in the transportation storage locker, be picked up by COOK and placed in the AMTS storage area until such time as SUBJECT could get some plaques made so that the weapons could be

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displayed in the AFATL museum. Sgt MOBLEY was therefore instructed by COOK to proceed to transportation and pick up the box of weapons, at which time the weapons were stored in Building 1270 and remained there until seized by OSI on 9 July 1969.

18. On 17 July 1969, SUBJECT was interviewed by GOODMAN, supra, and the writer at OSI Detachment 710, Eglin AFB, Florida. Prior to the interview SUBJECT was advised of the nature of the investigation; of his rights under the provisions of Article 31, UCMJ; of his right to remain silent; his right to have a lawyer present during the interview; and that he could obtain a civilian lawyer of his own choosing, at his own expense, or if he wished, the Air Force would appoint a military lawyer for him free of charge. SUBJECT advised that he wished to waive his rights and made the following verbal statement:

In approximately November 1968, while assigned to 7th Air Force Headquarters, RVN, as a munitions expert, he was ordered by his OIC, Colonel FAGAN, to assist and support WER BELL, the Vice-President of Sionics, to the fullest extent possible. Therefore, when WER BELL asked SUBJECT to send a box of 12 captured weapons to the U.S., SUBJECT complied by sending the weapons through official channels to Eglin AFB, Florida, as he (SUBJECT) considered Sionics, and therefore WER BELL, an official Air Force contractor. On approximately 13 March 1969, at SUBJECT's request, 11 of the 12 weapons sent to Eglin AFB by him were further sent to Sionics, after FRED BROWN, President of Sionics, assured SUBJECT that the weapons had been licensed and registered with the proper authorities. The shipment was sent to Sionics through official government transportation channels, at government expense. SUBJECT also admitted placing approximately 7 long distance telephone calls since November 1968 from his office at Eglin AFB, Florida to Sionics or FRED BROWN in Atlanta, Georgia, at government expense as he (SUBJECT) stated that Sionics is an Air Force contractor. SUBJECT further stated that he had the twelfth weapon that was sent to Eglin AFB from SEA in approximately November 1968 stored in the lock-up room at Range 22, Eglin AFB. SUBJECT also advised that during the approximate period of February to June 1969, two additional boxes of captured enemy weapons were sent to Eglin AFB, Florida (Attn: Lt Col P. A. MARRIOTT) from Bangkok, Thailand, by (to the best of SUBJECT's knowledge) WER BELL. SUBJECT then asked the appropriate personnel at Eglin AFB to store the weapons for safekeeping and SUBJECT stated that if the weapons were not sent to Sionics, he assumed the weapons would be sent to the Air Force museum at Eglin AFB. SUBJECT further stated that as the officer responsible for the Air Force museum,

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he had been ordered to procure foreign weapons for the museum. SUBJECT stated that he at all times acted as an agent for the USAF, and at no time acted on his own. SUBJECT subsequently released to the writer against proper receipt, an AKA-47 Assault Rifle, S/N 9473736, one of the 12 captured enemy weapons sent by SUBJECT from RVN in approximately November 1968. It was noted that when SUBJECT removed the weapon from the lock-up area at Range 22, Eglin AFB, that it was marked with SUBJECT's name on the stock. The above mentioned weapon is being retained at OSI Detachment 710 by the evidence custodian, available to proper authority upon request.

19. On 18 July 1969, SUBJECT was reinterviewed at OSI Detachment 710 by the writer, in the presence of THOMAS F. KERN, Capt, 579-46-3076FR, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, after SUBJECT was again advised of his rights as set forth in paragraph 18, above. SUBJECT advised that based on advice of his legal counsel, he wished to make no statement until sometime in the future. The interview was then terminated.

20. On 18 July 1969, Internal Revenue Service Publication 627 (1-69), Gun Control Act of 1968 (Public Law 90-618), was reviewed at Eglin AFB, Florida by the writer. Pertinent portions of this document are set forth as follows:

"Sec. 5844. Importation

"No firearm shall be imported or brought into the United States or any territory under its control or jurisdiction unless the importer establishes, under regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary or his delegate, that the firearm to be imported or brought in is:

"(1) being imported or brought in for the use of the United States or any department, independent establishment, or agency thereof or any State or possession or any political subdivision thereof; or

"(2) being imported in for scientific or research purposes; or

"(3) being imported or brought in solely for testing or use as a model by a registered manufacturer or solely for use as a sample by a registered importer or registered dealer;

"Sec. 5845. Definitions

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"For the purpose of this chapter:

"(7) a muffler or a silencer for any firearm is included

"(b) Machinegun: The term machinegun means any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual re-loading, by a single function of the trigger. The term shall also include the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any combination of parts designed and intended for use in converting a weapon into a machinegun, and any combination of parts from which a machinegun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person.

"(c) Rifle: The term rifle means a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger, and shall include any such weapon which may be readily restored to fire a fixed cartridge.

"Sec. 5861. Prohibited Acts

"It shall be unlawful for any person:

"(a) to engage in business as a manufacturer or importer of, or dealer in, firearms without having paid the special (occupational) tax required by section 5801 for his business or having registered as required by section 5802; or

"(b) to receive or possess a firearm transferred to him in violation of the provisions of this chapter; or

"(c) to receive or possess a firearm made in violation of the provisions of this chapter; or

"(d) to receive or possess a firearm which is not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record; or

"(i) to receive or possess a firearm which is not

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"identified by a serial number as required by this chapter; or

"(j) to transport, deliver, or receive any firearm in interstate commerce which has not been registered as required by this chapter; or

"(k) to receive or possess a firearm which has been imported or brought into the United States in violation of section 5844; or

"Sec. 5871. Penalties

"Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$10,000, or be imprisoned not more than ten years, or both, and shall become eligible for parole as the Board of Parole shall determine."

21. On 21 July 1969, WILLIAM M. FAGAN, Colonel, 533-14-6288FV, SUBJECT's former commander in RVN, was interviewed at his summer home in Destin, Florida. Colonel FAGAN executed a sworn statement, pertinent portions of which are set forth as follows:

"On or about 5 Sept 68 I was advised that a Mr. Mitchell Wer Bell of Sionics was arriving at Saigon Airport and would bring some munitions equipment (guns and suppressors) for demonstration ***** "I assigned Lt Col Marriott the task of handling all facets of Mr Wer Bell's visit which he did by meeting Mr Wer Bell at the Commercial Terminal and assisted him to get settled in a hotel. Mr Wer Bell was in RVN as a private citizen and we were aware that he had no security clearance. ***** "I departed on a Trip to CONUS at the end of Nov 68 and returned to Saigon 13 Dec 68. Mr Wer Bell was still in SEA, but I did not know where. I was aware a shipment of guns had gone to Eglin during my absence but had already arranged through the Commander of FTD W-PAFB that we should have shipped such items to FTD and they would forward them to the designated base. I did nothing to counter this Nov 68 shipment as it was going to the A.F. Armament Lab for a "museum". *****

"In early Feb 69 I found Mr Wer Bell and we concluded that he would leave RVN about 17 Feb 69 and he would give me his MACV form 6 and I would ship back only what he brought over. I was very specific about no enemy weapons being involved and if he had such for the Air Force, that I would ship them to FTD as instructed. After my return from my second CONUS trip on 23 Apr 69 I found that Wer Bell did not depart RVN. I asked around for him and heard many stories of his activities and felt I should take direct action. I called the OSI

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"about 1 May 69 and made a statement and asked them to investigate. About 7 May I heard Mr Wer Bell was in Bangkok at the President Hotel. I went there with a Capt Gaylord and got back the MACV form 6. On 14 May I turned it over to the OSI. I felt that I had closed out our sponsorship, but also felt his (Wer Bell's) activities in SEA warranted investigation. This is why I went to the OSI. I did not authorize or direct the shipment of any captured enemy weapons to Mr Wer Bell and/or Sionics."

The original of the above statement is being retained in the files of OSI District 7 and will be available to proper authority upon request. A reproduced copy of the statement is appended to this report as an attachment.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Photograph of the weapons contained in packing crate Nr 1.
2. Close-up photograph of first half of weapons contained in packing crate Nr 1.
3. Close-up photograph of second half of weapons contained in packing crate Nr 1.
4. Photograph of the weapons contained in packing crate Nr 2.
5. Close-up photograph of first half of weapons contained in packing crate Nr 2.
6. Close-up photograph of second half of weapons contained in packing crate Nr 2.
7. Photograph of light machine gun contained in packing crate Nr 2.
8. Close-up photograph of noise suppressor contained in packing crate Nr 1.
9. Overall photograph of noise suppressor contained in packing crate Nr 1.
10. Exploded view of noise suppressor contained in packing crate Nr 1.
11. Exploded view of noise suppressor with extra piece of equipment contained in packing crate Nr 1.
12. Bore shot of suppressor contained in packing crate Nr 1.
13. GBL, Nr Z-6, 684,529, dated 19 May 1969.
14. GBL, Nr F-0,648,922, dated 28 Mar 69.
15. DD Form 1149, dated 14 March 1969.
16. Letter signed by SUBJECT, dated 13 March 1969.
17. Form letter sent to Sionics, dated 8 April 1969.
18. DD Form 1149, signed by SUBJECT in RVN, reflecting the shipment of 12 captured enemy weapons.
19. Reproduced copy of statement executed by Colonel FAGAN on 21 July 1969.

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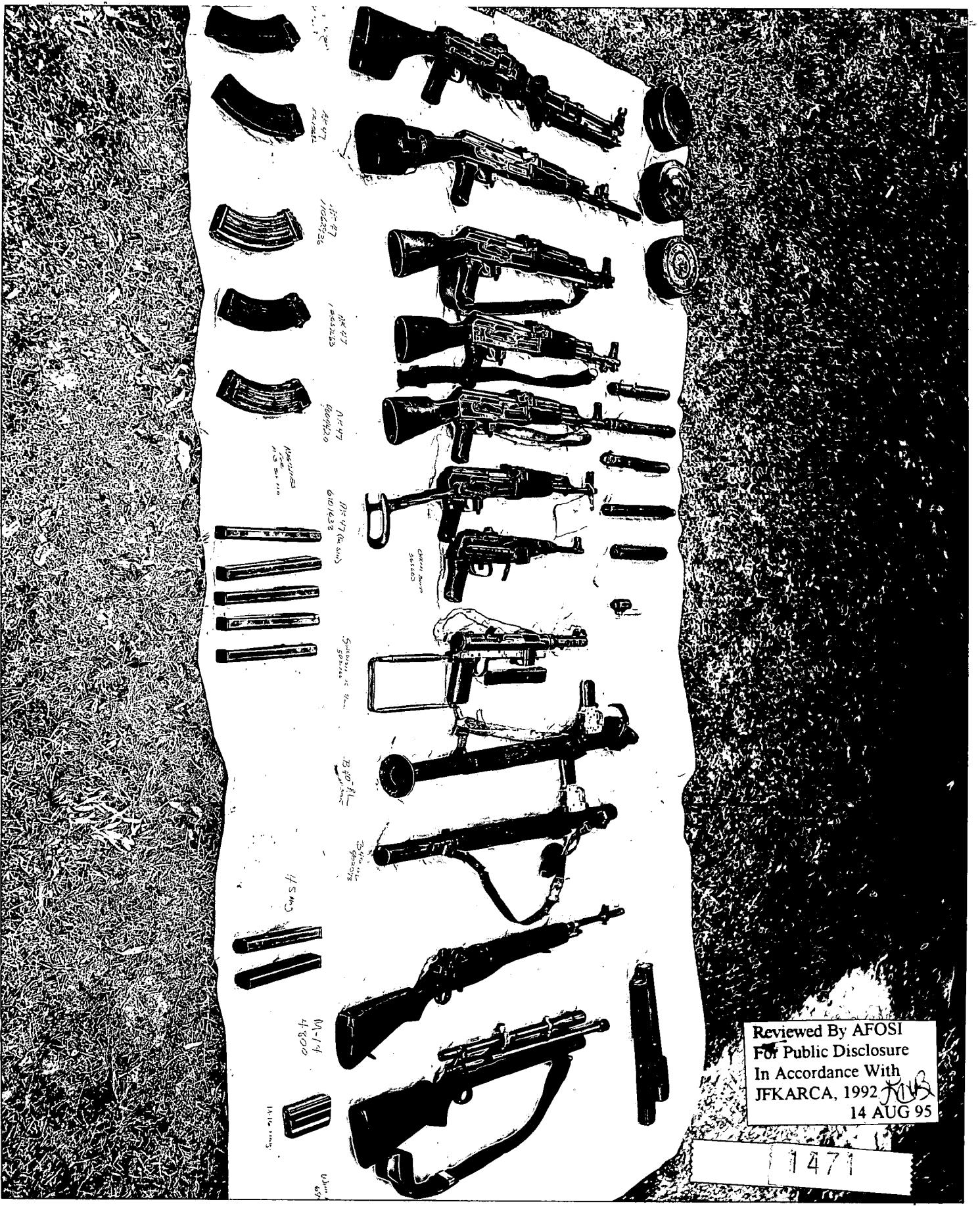
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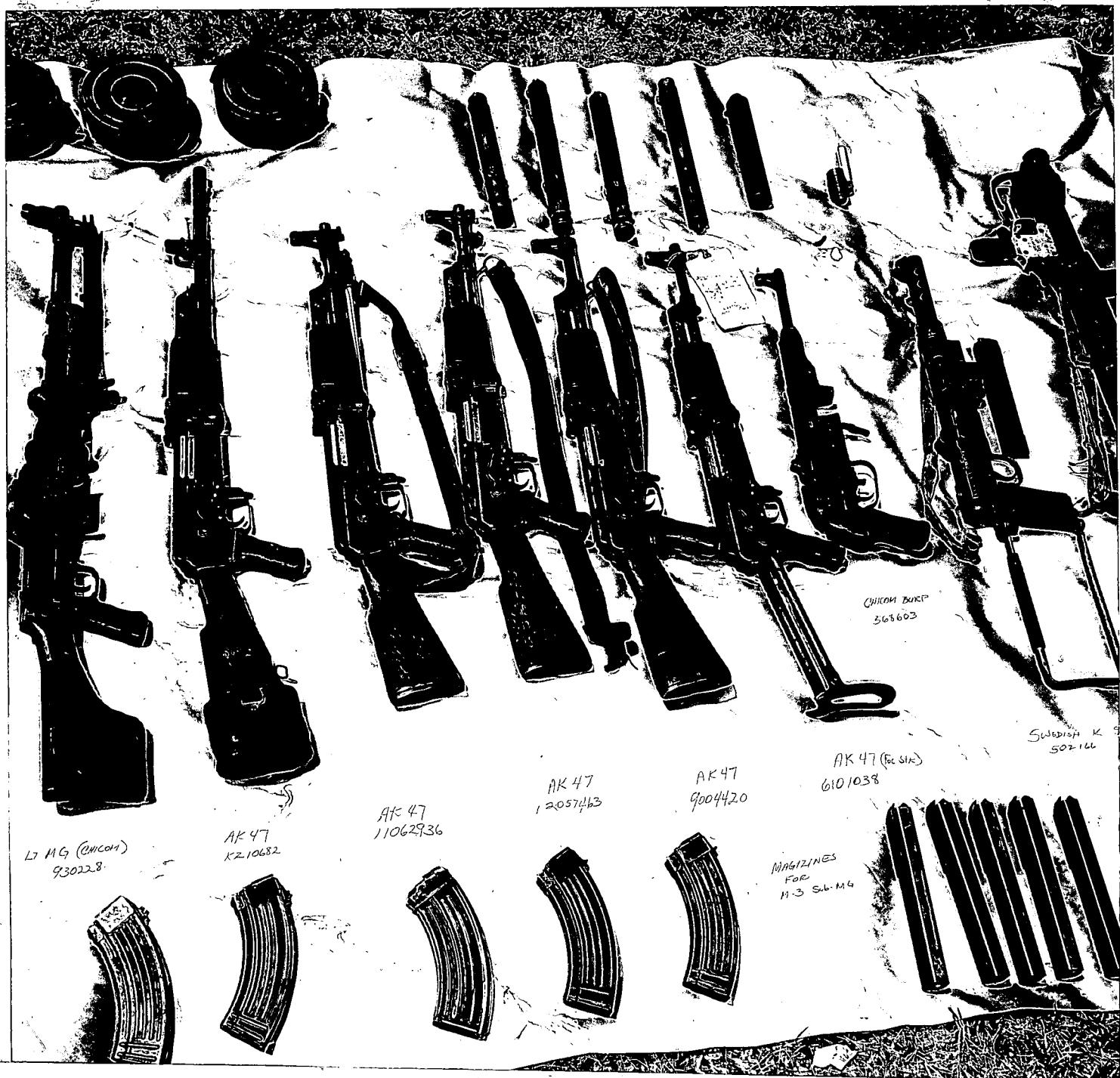


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Photograph of the weapons contained in packing crate Nr 1.



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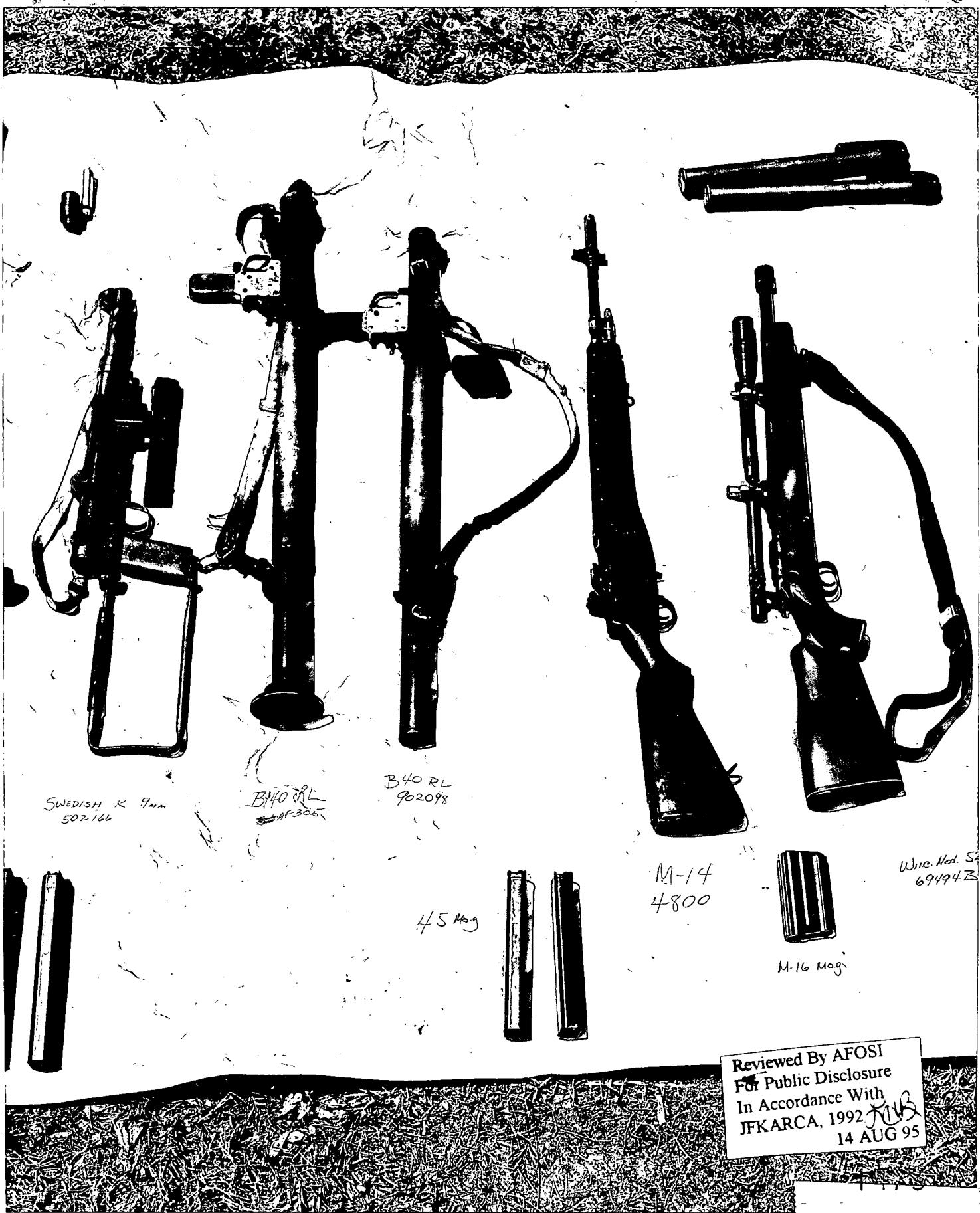


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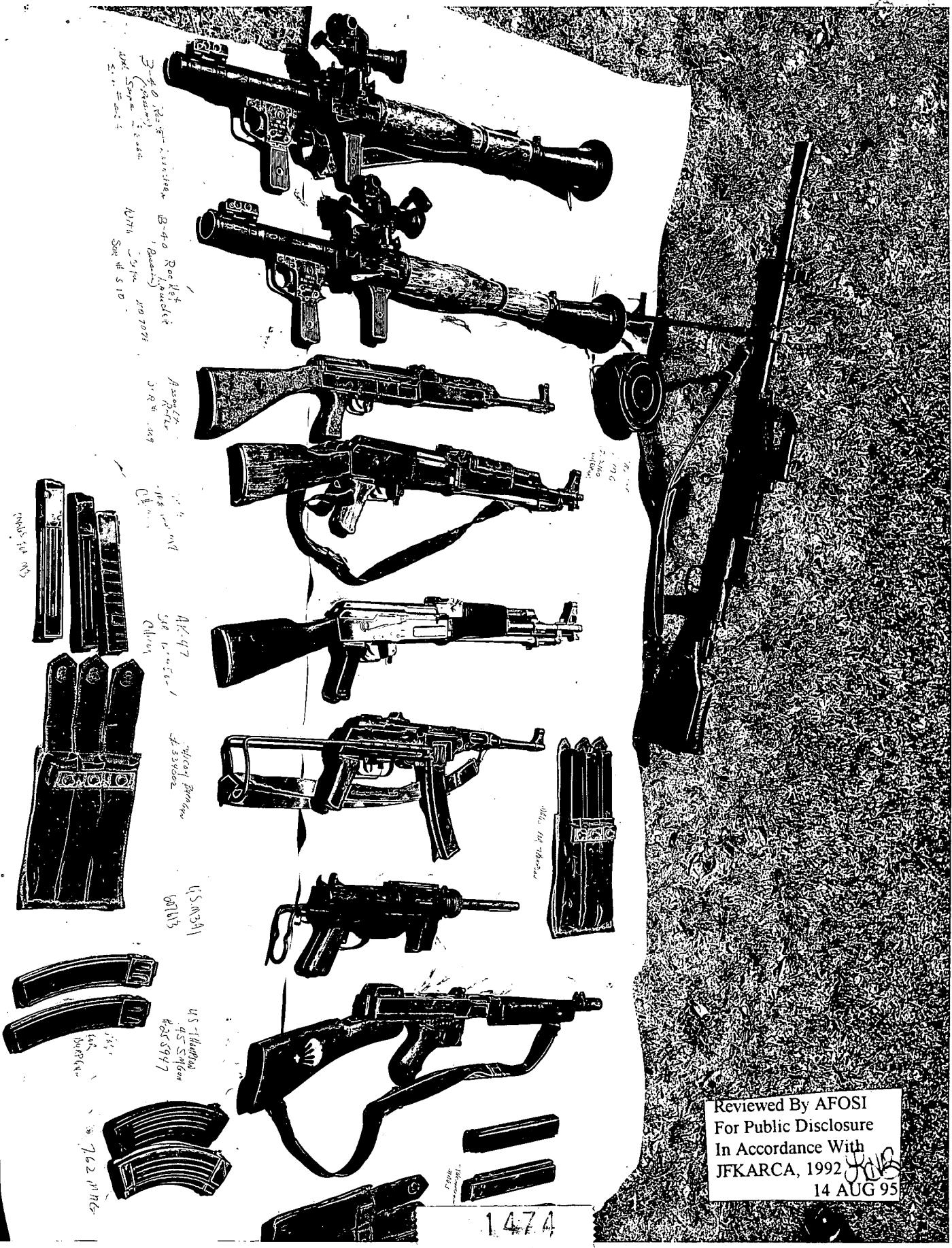


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Photograph of the weapons contained in packing crate No. 2

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B-40 Rocket Launcher
(Russia)
With Scope
No 7477
Soviet

B-40 Rocket
Launcher
(Russia)
With Scope
No 7477
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General photograph of weapons recovered in police raids by G.



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Annex 6



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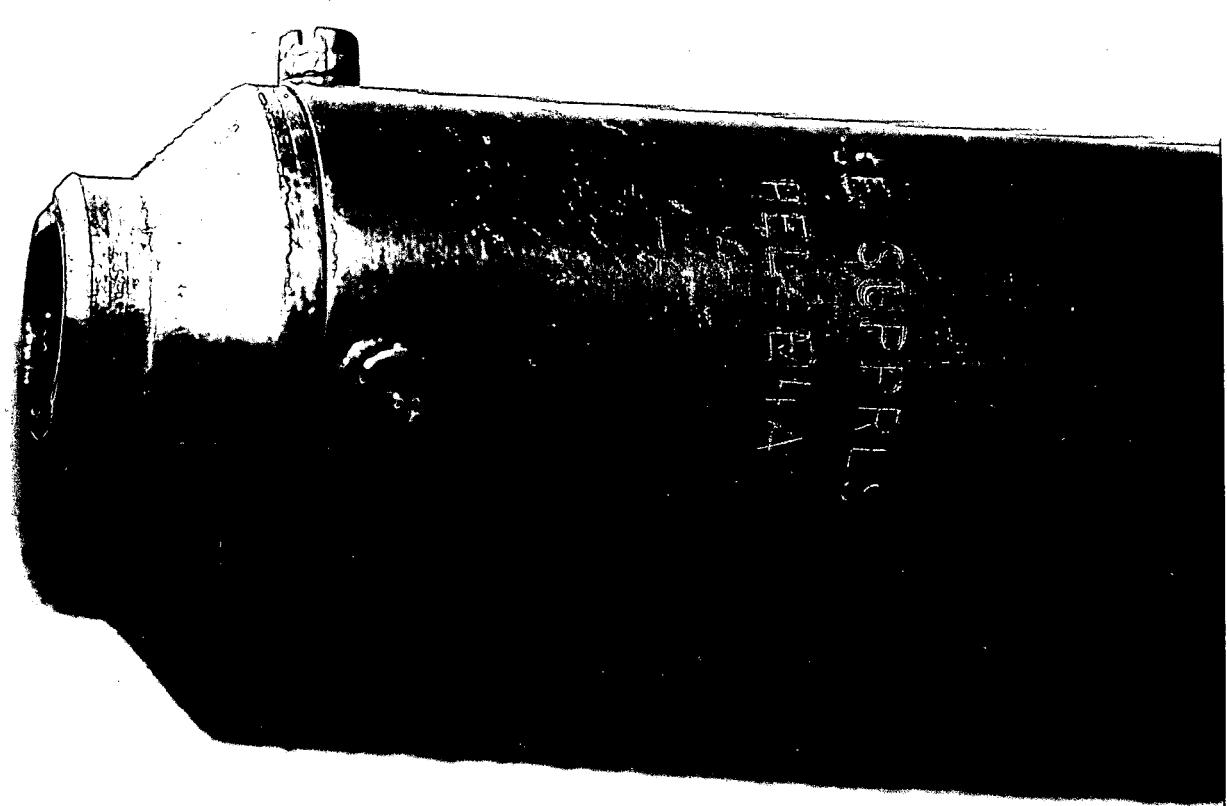


Photograph of Night machine gun contained in packing crate No. 6.



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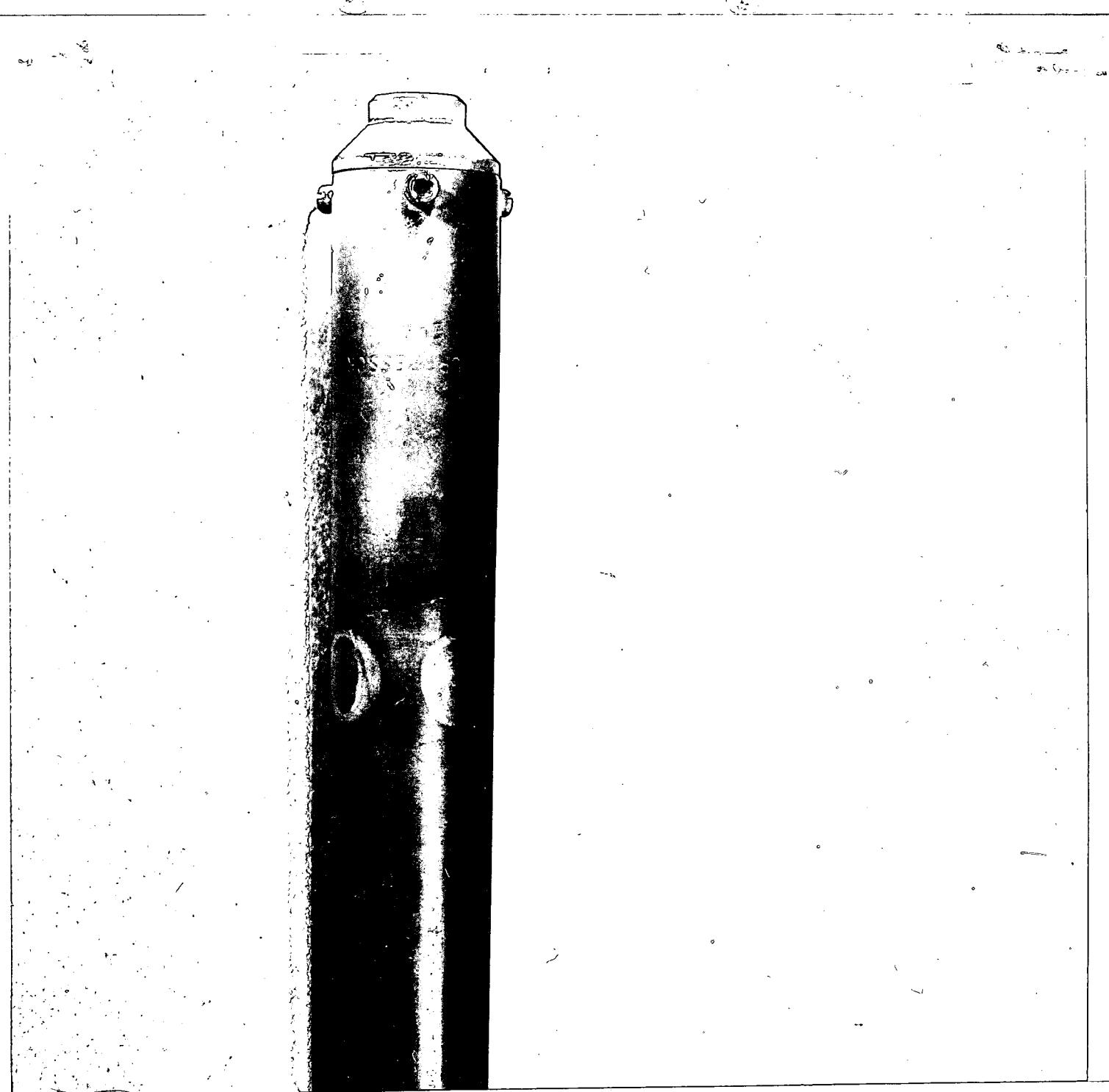
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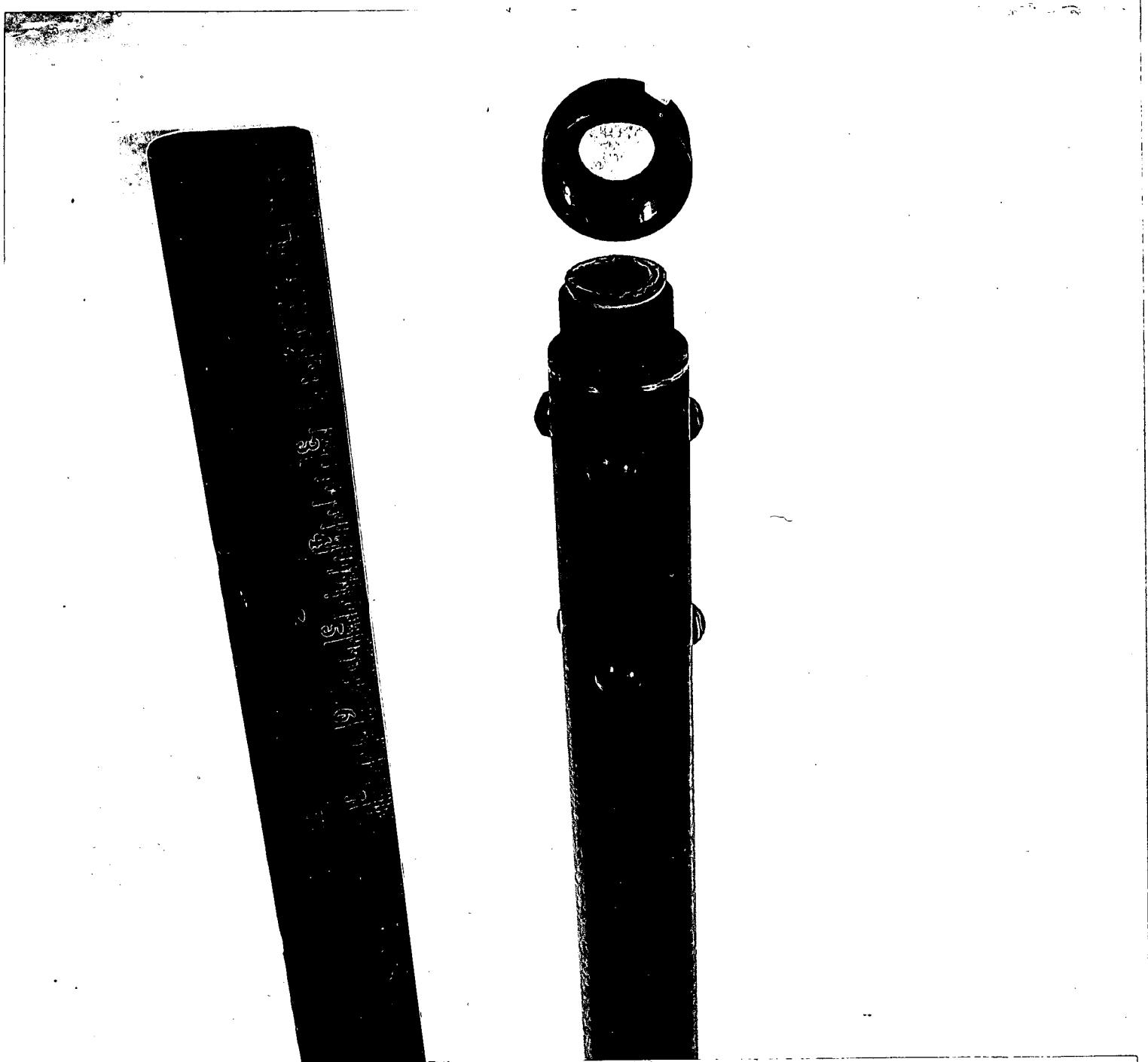
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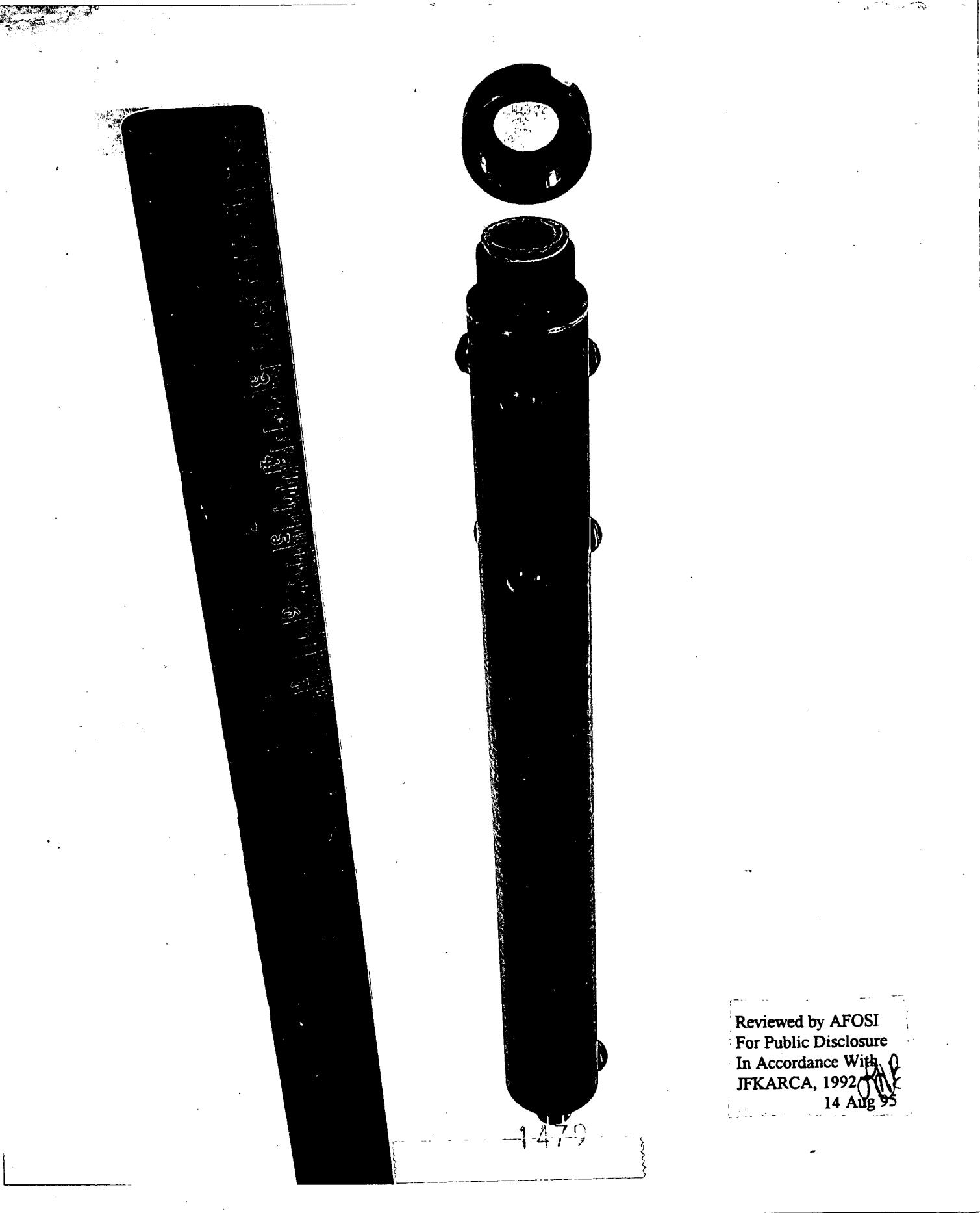
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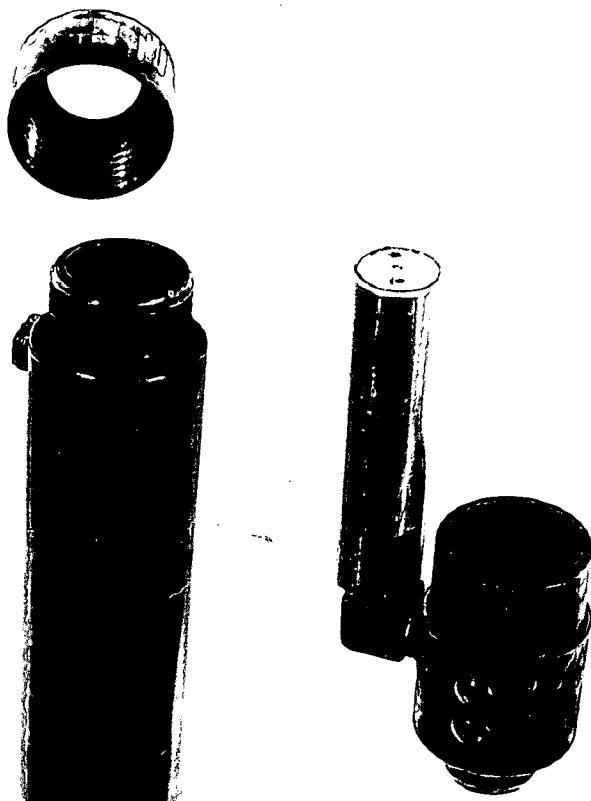
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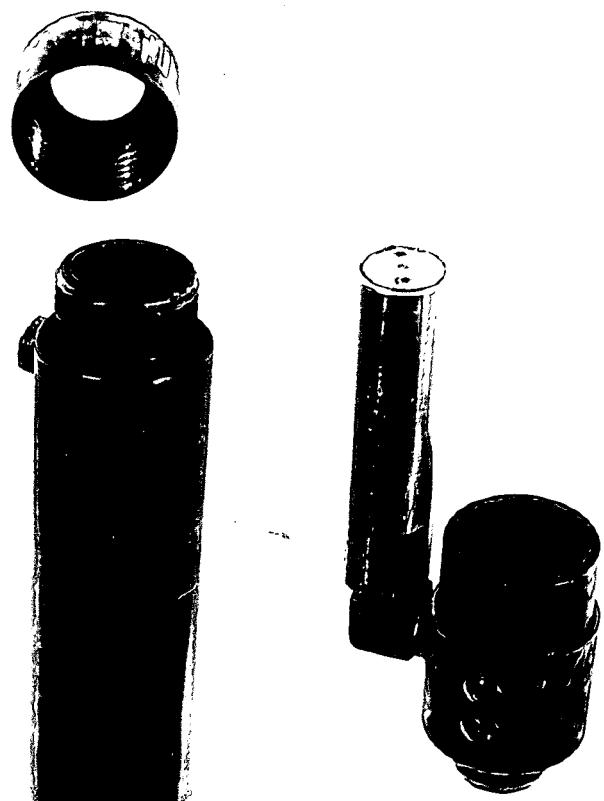
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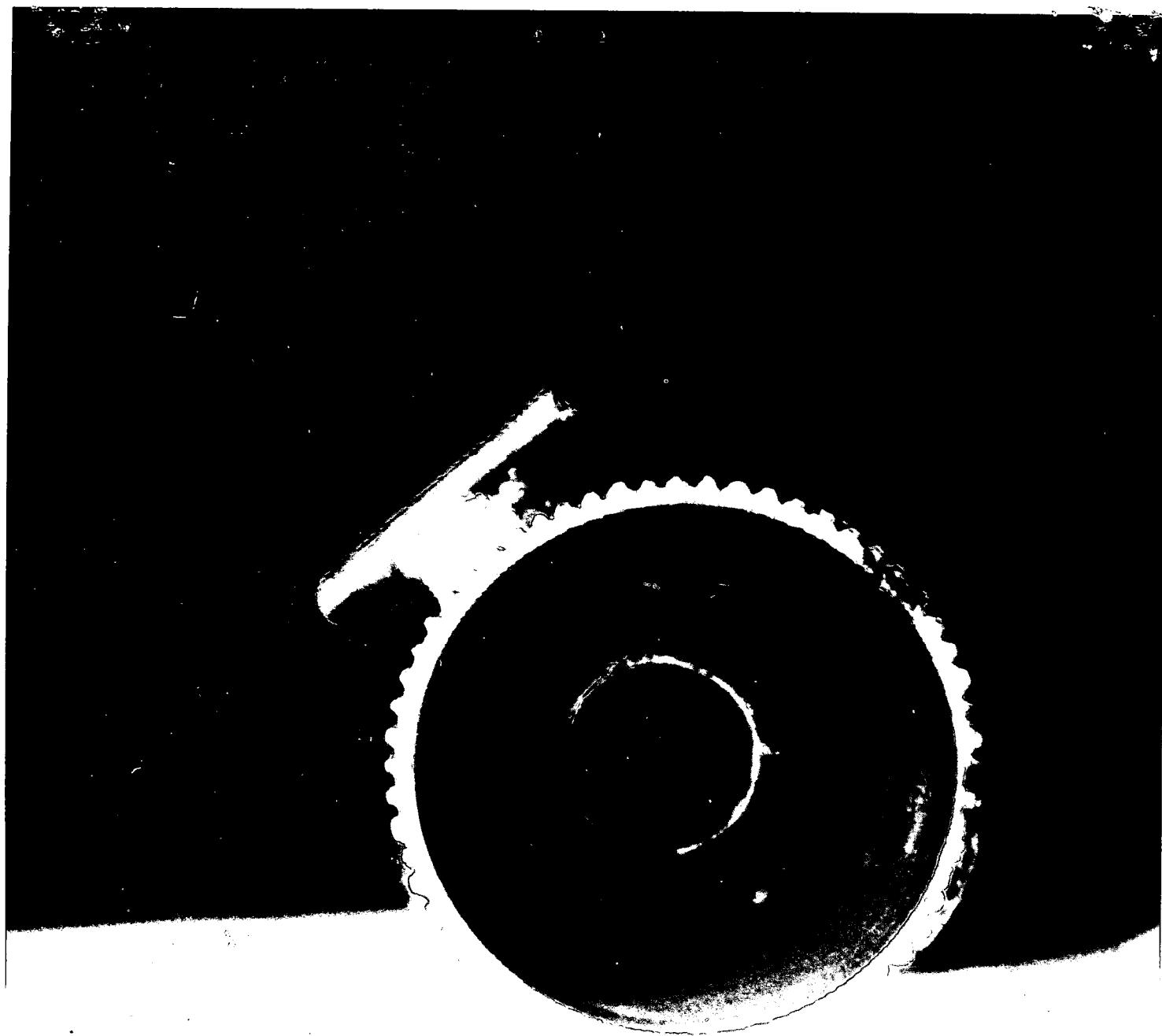
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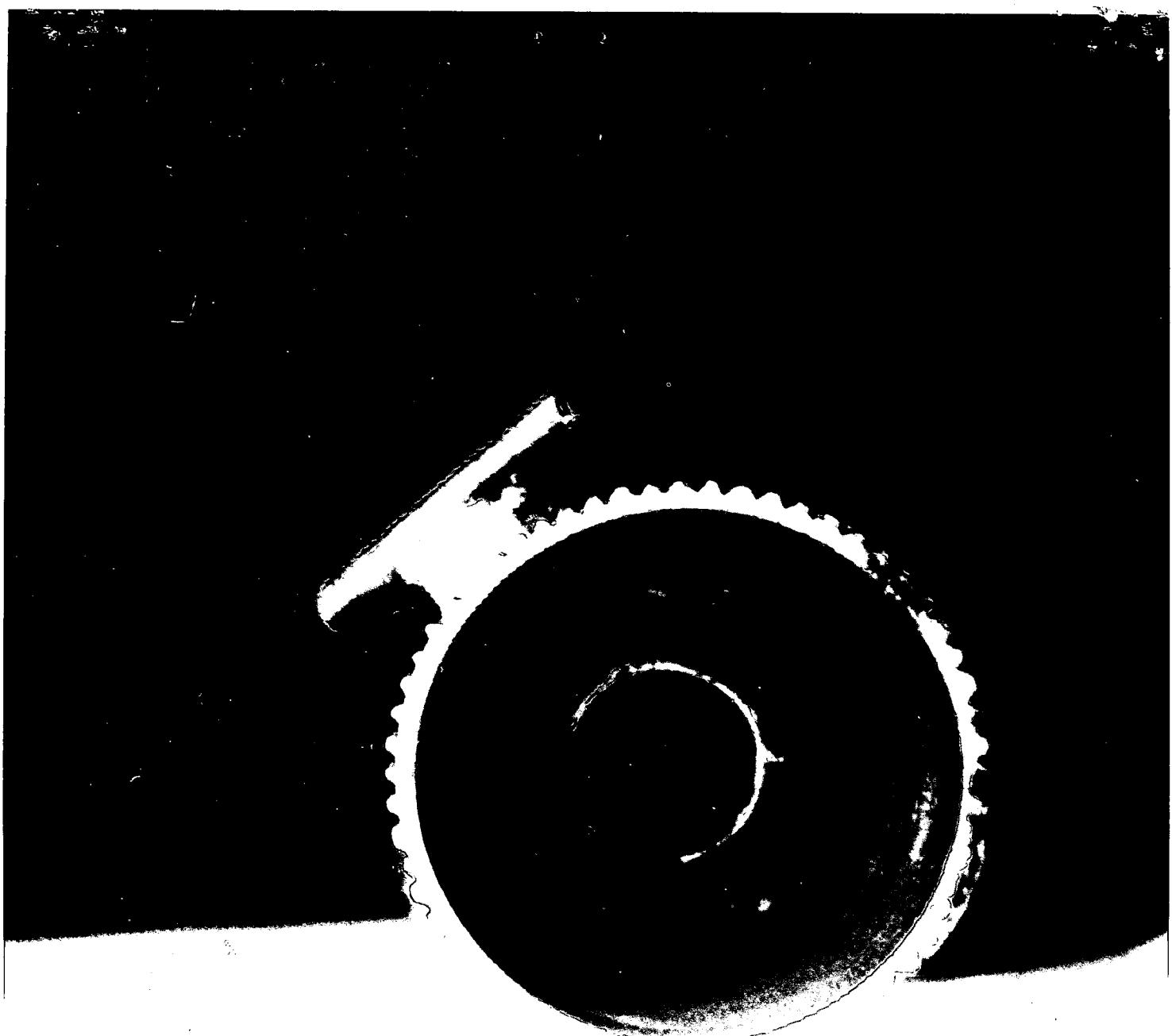
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~~Partial view of bullet recovered with extra piece of equipment contained
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Two shot of evidence contained in packing case #1.

SRA 408		SHORT FORM, U.S. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING MISCELLANEOUS COPY		Z-6, 684, 529	
TUNISIA AIR FORCE MAIL CONTRACT TO USA EXPRESS AIR MAIL (PROTECTIVE SIGNATURE SERVICE)		B/L NO. TRANSPORTATION CONTROL NO.		AT0395 9139 X001xxx	
DESTINATION		MARKS			
EGLIN AFB, FLA. (DDD 30 MAY 69 IPD 03)		TRANS PRI 1 M/F: USAF ARMAMENT LABORATORY (DOL-AFSC) ATTN: LTC PA. MARRIOTT			
CONSIGNEE (Name and Mailing Address) TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OFFICER EGLIN AFB, FLORIDA 32542		F.O.B. POINT NAMED IN CONTRACT			
FROM (Shipping Point) CHARLESTON AFB, S.C.		CHARGES TO BE BILLED TO (DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT, BUREAU OR SERVICE AND LOCATION) FINANCE CENTER TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, U. S. ARMY INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46249			
FULL NAME OF SHIPPER TMO 437TH MAW CHARLESTON AFB, S.C. 29404		APPROPRIATION CHARGEABLE 97X0400.1311 1270 P9G10 0600 S83039997 D2 972/3929/947399/73390/239/330/237/17800		PEC62702D =	
PACKAGES NO.	KIND	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (Use Carriers' Classification or Tariff Description if Possible, Otherwise a Clear Nontechnical Description.)		WEIGHTS*	ET 9.05
		1 BX FIREARMS, NOI (NMFC: 69300) CUBE 8.8 183			
HANDLE 1 A W, APR 205-1					
CONTRACT, PURCHASE ORDER OR OTHER AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT		ISSUING OFFICE			
CARRIER'S AGENT (Signature) R.E.B. / Loyd Br		TMO 437TH MAW CHARLESTON AFB, S.C. 29404 ISSUING OFFICER (Signature and Title) Donald J. French TA FOR P. B. BOONE, DAPC TMO		DATE 26 MAY 69	
* Show also cubic measurements for shipments in cu ft where required.		CONSIGNEE COPY		3	
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TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

TENDERED TO **RAY EXPRESS, INC.**

STOP THIS CAR OR TRUCK AT

FOR

CAR INITIALS AND NO

KIND

IMPORTANT

When the original of this bill of lading is surrendered to the initial carrier a memorandum copy thereof so certified must be forwarded to the consigned immediately.

RECEIVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY NAMED ABOVE SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS NAMED ON THE REVERSE OF THE ORIGINAL BILL OF LADING. THE PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED, IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION (CONTENTS AND VALUE UNKNOWN), TO BE FORWARDED TO DESTINATION BY THE SAID COMPANY AND CONNECTING LINES, THERE TO BE DELIVERED IN LIKE GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION TO SAID CONSIGNEE.

CONSIGNEE (NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS)

SIGNICS

1655 PEACHTREE STREET, N.E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30309

DESTINATION

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 1P1:03 DDD:4 APRIL 1969

VIA ROUTE SHIPMENT ONLY WHEN SOME SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT IS SERVED THEREBY

SEAL NOS.

FOR CARRIER'S USE ONLY

WAYBILL NO. FREIGHT BILL NO.

APPLIED BY:

5. GOVERNMENT BILL OF LADING

MEMORANDUM COPY

BIL NO.

F-0, 648, 922

TRAFFIC CONTROL NO

CAR-TRUCK LGHT FT INCHES	MARKED CAPACITY FT	DATE FURNISHED	DATE BIL ISSUED
ORDERED	FURNISHED	ORDERED	FURNISHED
FURNISH THIS INFORMATION IN CASE OF CARLOAD OR TRUCKLOAD SHIPMENTS ONLY			

28 MAR 69

FROM

(SHIPPING POINT) → EGLIN AFB, FLA. 32562

FULL NAME OF SHIPPER

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OFFICE

MARKS

MR. FRED BROWN

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CHARGES TO BE BILLED TO (DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT, BUREAU OR SERVICE AND LOCATION)
**FINANCE CENTER
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
U. S. ARMY
INDIANAPOLIS 49, INDIANA**

APPROPRIATION CHARGEABLE

(OASD-72) 57K3600 283 4769 R6706 CD 5527900

CONTRACTORS WILL RETURN UNUSED OR CANCELED BILLS OF LADING TO GOVERNMENT OFFICE FROM WHICH RECEIVED.

PACKAGES NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES (USE CARRIERS' CLASSIFICATION OR TARIFF DESCRIPTION IF POSSIBLE OTHERWISE A CLEAR NONTECHNICAL DESCRIPTION)	NUMBERS ON PACKAGES	WEIGHTS*	<i>5 73</i>
1 BX	TCW FB2823 9073 X100 XX			
1 BX	FIREARMS OR PARTS, NO1(NMFC:69300) SMALL-ARMS, AMMUNITION(CARTRIDGES, SMALL ARM, BLANK OR LOADED)(NMFC:13940)		140 55	
2 PCS	"CLASS 'C' EXPLOSIVES" TOTAL		125	
	AUTH: AFM 75-2 PARA 205804 (b) (4)			

IF THIS SHIPMENT FULLY LOADS THE CAR OR TRUCK USED, CHECK YES

CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER

I CERTIFY THAT THIS SHIPMENT IS MADE PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER NO. **5527900** DATED **14 AUG 95**

OR OTHER AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT, F.O.B. POINT NAMED IN CONTRACT

ISSUING OFFICE **EGLIN AFB, FLA.**

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SIGNATURE OF ISSUING OFFICER **GEORGE HOLLINHEAD JR., TMO**
DATE **14 AUG 95** TITLE

MEMORANDUM COPY

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CARRIER FURNISHED DELIVERY- TRAP CA
SERVICE AT DESTINATION **AYCL-14**

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REQUISITION AND INVOICE/SHIPPING DOCUMENT

1. FROM AFATL (ATEL) Eglin AFB, Fla. 32542	2. TO Atlanta, Ga. 30309	3. SHIP TO • NAMES DS2 SIONICS 1655 Peachtree Street N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30309 Attn: Mr. Fred Brown
ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DATA		
7. DATE MATERIAL REQUIRED 5. REQUISITION DATE NO. 1 SHEETS 5. REQUISITION DATE 9. AUTHORITY OR PURPOSE 10. SIGNATURE 11. VOUCHER NUMBER AND DATE 12. DATE SHIPPED 13. MODE OF SHIPMENT 14. BILL OF LADING NUMBER 15. AIR MOVEMENT DESIGNATOR OR PORT REFERENCE NUMBER		
T-2 175 13 Mar 69 R. M. Golder J 70T00641 THURK. T FO648922 03		

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION, SPECIFIC NUMBER, DESCRIPTION, AND CODING OF MATERIAL AND/OR SERVICES	UNIT OF ISSUE ea	QUANTITY REQUESTED 11	SUPPLY ACTION PICK UP	PART NUMBER 3	CARRIER NAME V-11	CONTRACTOR NAME JFKARCA	UNIT PRICE 4	TOTAL COST CJ: 4
2. Box Small Arms Ammo.	ea 1	V-1	1			1 Box	55# 3 cu. ft	1340	1340
						1 Box	140# 6 cu. ft	6930	6930
14. PUBLIC disclosure 15. C/P/S/C 16. Signature									
Signed receipt requested by this organization									
17. TRANSPORTATION VIA AIR NOT CHARGEABLE TO									
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CHECKED BY	1	15	13	35	7/15/95	7/15/95		In Accordance With JFKARCA, 1992	14 AUG 95
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			TOTAL	135	POSTED	DATE	BY		VOUCHER NO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR FORCE ARMAMENT LABORATORY (AFSC)
EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 32542



REPLY TO

ATTN OF: ATS (882-1640)

13 March 1969

SUBJECT: Shipment of Miscellaneous Equipment

TO: ATEL (Mr. Clarence M. Cooley)

1. Please ship two boxes of miscellaneous equipment to:

SIONICS
1655 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
Attn: Mr. Fred Brown

2. It will be necessary to add packing material and band the boxes prior to shipment.
3. Sgt Arnold knows which boxes are to be shipped and their location. I suggest he handle the project.
4. Please make this a priority shipment.

PAUL A. MARRIOTT, Lt Col, USAF
Assistant for Systems Support

~~FB2823 9073 X100X7X~~

~~70700641~~

Approved
Sgt Musick 3530

Bldg - 1247

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AIR FORCE ARMAMENT LABORATORY (AFSC)
EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 32542

8 April 69



REPLY TO

ATTN OF: ATEL (Mr. Cooley/882-2328)

8 April 1969

SUBJECT: Shipment of Project Support Equipment, Project Number Misc.

TO: Sionics
1655 Peachtree St. NE
Attn: Mr. Fred Brown
Atlanta, Ga. 30309

1. The following equipment/supplies is being shipped to your activity on the subject project number:

Nomenclature	Stock/Part No.	Qty	Requisition Number GBL or Air Bill
Weapons	N/A	11	FB2823 9073 X100XXX
Magazines	N/A	19	Shipped 1 Apr 69
Pouches	N/A	2	REA Express
Circular Drum	N/A	1	GBL F0648922
7.62 Munition in clips			

2. Please notify this office (ATEL) if the listed property is not received by the required in-place date of 15 Apr 69.

3. Immediately upon receipt of all the listed property, please sign below and return one copy of this letter to AFATL (ATEL/Mr. Cooley), Eglin AFB, Florida, 32542. Reply required for accounting purposes.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Wm F. Kindred

WM F. KINDRED
Logistics Support Officer

THE ABOVE LISTED MATERIEL

WAS REC'D ON 4-11-69
Date

Florence 4-11-69
Signature and Date

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1. FROM	ACK 2823 ECH 14 AFSC, FTA 32542		7. DATE MATERIAL REQUIRED	5. REQUISITION DATE	6. REQUISITION NO.
2. TO			8. AUTHORITY OR PURPOSE	9. PRIORITY	
3. SHIP TO - MARK FOR			10. SIGNATURE	11. VOUCHER NUMBER AND DATE	
ACCOUNTING AND FUNDING DATA		12. DATE SHIPPED		13. MODE OF SHIPMENT	
				14. BILL OF LADING NUMBER	
				15. AIR MOVEMENT DESIGNATOR OR PORT REFERENCE NUMBER	
				FB 5268 825-X002	

ITEM NO.	FEDERAL STOCK NUMBER, DESCRIPTION, AND CODING OF MATERIAL AND/OR SERVICES	QUANTITY REQUESTED	SUPPLY ACTION	TYPE CON- TAINER	CONT. NOS.	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
b	CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS 1574, 500273, 75285, 689149, 1209939, 928231, 8414320, 12047120, 411564, 700867, 930843	12	e	f	g	h	i

16. TRANSPORTATION VIA MATS OR MSTS. CHARGEABLE TO	17. SPECIAL HANDLING	18. SHEET TOTAL						
ISSUED BY	TOTAL CONTAINERS	TYPE CON- TAINER	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL WEIGHT	TOTAL CUBE	19. CONTAINERS RECEIVED EXCEPT AS NOTED	DATE	BY
CHECKED BY						QUANTITIES RECEIVED EXCEPT AS NOTED	DATE	
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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Destin Flordia

(Place)

21 July 69

(Date)

I, Col. William M. Fagan 533001410288 FV, hereby state that
Grever C. Ayers, Jr. has identified himself to me
as Special Agent - OSI USAF.
(Special Agent OSI, Air Police Investigator, Other-Specify)

I do hereby voluntarily and of my own free will make the following statement without having been subjected to any coercion, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement.

on or about 5 Sept 68 I was advised that a Mr. Mitchell WerBell of Sionics was arriving at Saigon Airport and would bring some munitions equipment (guns and suppressors) for demonstration to air force units and other U.S. forces as we in Det 6 of ASD (AFSC) thought worthwhile. The prime piece of equipment to be demonstrated was the Sionics Suppressor. This notice of arrival came from ASD (AS5) Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio. I assigned Lt Col Marriott the task of handling all facets of Mr Wer Bell's visit which he did by meeting Mr Wer Bell at the Commercial Terminal and assisted him to get settled in a hotel. Mr Wer Bell was in RVN as a private citizen and we were aware that he had no security clearance. We hosted him to the extent that we obtained a MAC form 6, Identification and Privilege Card, and Col Marriott, at my instructions, set up a demonstration of his equipment (Wer Bell's) for the Army, Navy, Air Force and ARPA people on the VNAF firing range. Prior to the demonstration I had received notification and did receive a box (about 3⁴/5 lbs) of equipment for the demonstration. It had come via MAC airlift out of Charleroi and was addressed to me at 7th AF (DAFSC).

After several weeks of Mr W. Bell's traveling around through SEA I was becoming concerned and wanted to close out his business and send him home. In the month of Nov 68 I located him and instructed him that I felt our business was over and he should prepare to leave - or at least we would withdraw our sponsorship of him (the only concern was that he had a MACV form 6 that showed ASD as his sponsor). I departed on a trip to CONUS at the end of Nov 68 and returned to Saigon 13 Dec 68. Mr W. Bell was still in SEA, but I did not know where. I was aware a shipment of guns had gone to Eglin during my absence but had already arranged through the Commander of FTD USAF that we should have shipped such items to FTD and they would ~~trans~~^{wmt.} forward them to the designated base. I did nothing to counter this Nov 68 shipment as it was going to the AF. Armament Lab for a "museum". (On a later trip to CONUS in March 69 I advised Col Wrenzemer (FTD Commander) of the one shipment). I had no knowledge or authority of any other shipment. The Nov 68 shipment was intended for Air Force use and there was no knowledge or intent on my part that they were to be sent to Sionics.

In early Feb 69 I found Mr W. Bell and we concluded that he would leave RVN about 17 Feb 69 and he would give me his MACV form 6 and I would ship back only what he brought over. I was very specific about no enemy weapons being involved and

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if he had such for the Air Force, that I would ship them to FTO as instructed. After my return from my second CONUS trip on 23 Apr 69 I found that Mr Bell did not depart RVN. I asked around for him and heard many stories of his activities and felt I should take direct action. I called the OSST about 1 May 69 and made a statement and asked them to investigate. About 7 May I heard Mr. Wer Bell was in Bangkok at the President Hotel. I went there with a Capt Gaylord and got back the MACV form 6. On 14 May I turned it over to the OSST. I felt that I had closed out our sponsorship, but also felt his (Wer Bell's) activities in SEA warranted investigation. This is why I went to the OSST. I did not authorize or direct the shipment of any captured enemy weapons to Mr Wer Bell and/or Sionics.

I further state that I have read this entire statement, initialed all pages and corrections, and signed this statement, and that it is correct and true as written.

William M. Tagon
(Signature)

110 Alder Dr Ft Walton Beach
(Address) Fla.

WITNESSES:

(Address)

(Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this
21st day of July 1969

at DESTITUTION, FLORIDA.

GROVER C. ATKINS, JR.
(Signature of person administering oath)

GROVER C. ATKINS, JR.
(Typed name of person administering oath)

SPECIAL AGENT - OSI
(Official title and grade)

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