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On May 22, 1975, Special Agent (SA) Charles W. Hugueley, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF), Decatur, Georgia, was contacted by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding that agency's interest in Mitchell Livingston Werbell, III, and IV, doing business as Defense Services Company (DSC), Marietta, Georgia, and George Salesky, doing business as the Military Armament Corporation (MAC), Marietta, Georgia.

SA Hugueley advised that in the recent past both of the Werbells were arrested by BATF Agents as a result of their selling seven automatic weapons to a BATF undercover Agent, in violation of Federal law. The Werbells won an acquittal in United States District Court (USDC) of these charges in the recent past.

SA Hugueley continued that in addition to the above matter, his bureau is currently investigating the Werbells under the provisions of the Gun Control Act of 1968, Section 922M. He advised that his bureau recently reviewed the records of DSC and found discrepancies in these records. He explained that the Federal law requires that anyone having a Class 3 license to export automatic weapons from the United States is required to be able to

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account for every weapon which it has in its inventory or which it exports, and that it was in this regard that the Werbells came under scrutiny by the BATF. He continued that as a result of his investigation, the BATF secured a search warrant from the USDC, Northern District of Georgia (NDGA), Atlanta, Georgia, and subsequently seized approximately 3,500 automatic weapons and approximately 1,400 sound suppressors (silencers) from DSC. At this time DSC has in its inventory only one automatic weapon.

SA Hugueley continued that on December 13, 1974, the Class 3 license of DSC was due for reissuance. He explained that the BATF must authorize re-issuance of this export license but that in view of their continuing investigation, that the BATF has not as of May 22, 1975, renewed their Class 3 export license. He explained that this prohibits DSC from exporting any weapons from the United States.

SA Hugueley continued that DSC does not manufacture any weapons, that they are merely a wholesaler or a broker and due to the recent seizure of all their inventory, and due to the fact that their Class 3 license has not been renewed to date, the DSC has no inventory whatever for exportation.

SA Hugueley explained that in 1969 the Werbells and George Salesky formed the MAC, which was engaged in the manufacture and export of automatic weapons. In 1972 the Werbells split from MAC and formed the Defense Systems International (DSI), which only dealt in automatic weapons and was not engaged in their manufacture. At this time Salesky continued to own MAC. Sometime between 1972 and the present, the Defense Systems International became known as the Defense Services Company and is owned by the Werbells III and IV, and also by Geoffrey B. Werbell.

SA Hugueley said that MAC has cooperated with BATF completely, that its books have always been found to be in proper order, and that the BATF has never had reason to suspect Salesky of any questionable activity.

SA Hugueley continued that the MAC is owned by the Quantum Corporation and its officers are as follows:

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R. R. Reeves, President and Chairman of the Board;
George Whipple, Vice President and Secretary;
Michael Adair, Director and Principal Stockholder.

He stated that Salesky is the President of MAC and that R. R. Roby is the Secretary-Treasurer of MAC. He said that at present the MAC has in excess of 8,000 automatic weapons in its inventory, approximately 6,000 9 millimeter MAC 10's, approximately 2,500 45 caliber MAC 10's, and approximately 400 380 caliber MAC 11's.

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SA Hugueley further advised that he has a reliable informant who is very closely associated with the Werbells and that he is aware of their activities. He said that he is certain that the Werbells have not in the recent past traveled to the Middle East for the purpose of displaying or selling weapons or for any other purpose, and further, that the names Aladdin M. Al-Tayyar and William Apikian are not known to him. He also pointed out that to his knowledge no individuals representing the Iraq Government have been in contact with the Werbells for the purchase of firearms.

SA Hugueley further advised that in the past year there has been a steady flow of MAC 10's to Saudi Arabia a total of approximately 1,000 non-suppressed weapons. The MAC is in the process of delivering these weapons at present. He said that upon request, it would be easy for him to determine exactly how many weapons have been sent to the Saudis and on what dates they were shipped.

SA Hugueley pointed out that before any Class 3 exporter can sell or export weapons to a foreign government, permission of the United States Department of State (USDS) must be secured. He added that BATF is not interested in which foreign government purchases the weapons as long as export records are in order, the exporter's Class 3 license is valid, and the USDS's permission has been obtained for the sale. When all of these requirements are met, it is perfectly legal for the exporter to sell to any foreign government.

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