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Model 1892 Winchester Special Order Carbine No. 69153-

I have carefully examined this gun, both inside and outside, and find that it is an original special short carbine as made by Winchester.

According to remaining serial number records, this carbine was made in 1912. The barrel length is the very rare fourteen inch length, and it is correct and original.

Under the barrel are seen numerous markings; these are "3, F, 44, J, (VP), (P), Δ and Y".

These markings include the general inspection stamp "Δ", proved - proved stamp "(VP)", the proved marking "(P)" and caliber "44" as well as inspectors, fitters and assemblers marks.

On the receiver under the feed we find the general inspection mark "Δ" and the numeral "7".

All of these markings are correct and original. We also find more markings under the barrel on special short carbines.

Sights on this special carbine are correct; the front sight is of post style forged on the front of the barrel and it has a tin - forced pinned steel blade; the rear sight is of carbine style with graduations from "0" to "50".

Model 1892 No 691532

A forward wheel is shorter than standard is seen on many of these special short carbines; number 691532 has this style of forward and the stock and forward on number 691532 are correct and original.

Many of these special short carbines have seen a great deal of use and abuse; this Winchester has some original finish on the metal and wood.

Because of its condition, originality and rarity, this is a fine collector's Winchester and it will be a welcome addition to any collection or museum.

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This refers to your letter of October 1996, in which you request that a certain firearm be considered for removal from the provisions of the National Firearms Act (NFA).

As defined in Section 5845(a)(3) of the NFA, the term firearm includes a rifle having a barrel or barrels of less than 16 inches in length. However, the term firearm shall not include a firearm or any device (other than a machinegun or destructive device) which although designed as a weapon, the Secretary or his delegate finds by reason of the date of its manufacture, value, design, and other characteristics is primarily a collector's item and is not likely to be used as a weapon.

Based on the information you provided, our research, and an examination of the submitted firearm, we have determined that the following firearm falls into the above category and is hereby removed from the provisions of the NFA:

Winchester rifle, Model 1892, .44 WCF caliber,
serial number 691532, having a 14-inch barrel.

We have further determined that the above firearm is a curio or relic as that term is defined in Title 27 Code of Federal regulations (CFR), Part 178, Section 178.11, thereby authorizing licensed collectors to acquire, hold, or dispose of it subject to the provisions of Title 18 United States Code (U.S.C.) and the regulations in 27 CFR Part 178. It is still a firearm as defined in 18 U.S.C., Chapter 44, Section 921(a)(3).

Mr. George Madis

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walfred A. Nelson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Walfred A. Nelson
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