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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/21 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10/22

SUBJECT: Proposed Directive Banning 2 Imported Assault Weapons

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REMARKS:

Any comment?

October 24, 1997

RESPONSE:

NSC concurs with the Proposed Directive Banning Imported Assault Weapons.

[Signature]

Donald L. Kerrick

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for National Security Affairs

Staff Secretary
Ext. 6-2702

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

SUBJECT: Importation of Uzi and Galil Firearms

The historic Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 banned 19 specific assault weapons, duplicates of those 19 firearms, and certain other semiautomatic weapons possessing various military-style features. My Administration and the Congress worked to ban these deadly firearms because -- as the weapon of choice for gangs and drug dealers -- they were being recovered at numerous crime scenes and resulting in criminals being better armed than some of the Nation's law enforcement officers. Last year, in part as a result of the ban on assault weapons, fewer police officers were slain in the line of duty than in any year since 1960, and fewer law enforcement officers were killed by assault weapons.

In addition to the prohibitions contained in the 1994 ban on assault weapons, the 1968 Gun Control Act restricts the importation of firearms unless they are determined to be particularly suitable for or readily adaptable for sporting purposes. To enforce this law, the Department of the Treasury has developed a factoring system to determine whether handguns meet this sporting purposes test and are thus importable. The Department also has determined that semiautomatic assault type rifles do not meet the sporting purposes test and are not importable.

I am now informed that 2 of the 19 assault weapons that were specifically banned from importation in 1989, the Galil and the Uzi, have been redesigned in order to circumvent the ban. The Galil and Uzi, which are manufactured by Israel Military Industries, were banned because -- in their military configurations -- they were found to have no legitimate sporting purpose. It is now appropriate to determine whether the redesigned weapons would have legitimate sporting purposes in this country and are suitable for continued importation under the provisions of the Gun Control Act of 1968.

My Administration has aggressively enforced all applicable laws to keep nonsporting firearms and other munitions posing a threat to public safety from entering the country. Therefore, I direct you to:

- (1) Take the necessary steps to reexamine and determine whether the sporting purposes test should be modified with respect to the importation of the Galil, Uzi, and any other firearms that have been similarly adapted or re-engineered since the 1989 ban on the importation of semiautomatic assault rifles or the 1994 ban on semiautomatic assault weapons; and
- (2) Effective immediately, suspend action on pending and future applications to import these weapons until this review is complete.

Nothing herein shall be construed to require actions contrary to applicable provisions of law.

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From: Rosa, Frederick M.
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 1997 5:28 PM
To: @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Cc: @GLOBAL - Global Affairs; Lee, Malcolm R.; Countryman, Thomas M.
Subject: Package 9707162: WH Referral on Import of Galil & Uzi Assault Weapons [UNCLASSIFIED]

Folks:

Global clears, with NESA & ECON concurrence, on the draft memorandum for Treasury directing: (1) review of the sporting purposes test used to screen firearm importation request; and (2) suspending action on pending and future import applications until the review is complete.

I have one comment for the originators -- the memo as drafted does not discuss what happens after the review is complete; if there is a desire for some follow-on action (at the departmental and/or White House-level), that action should be specified.

Regards, Fred