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Mr. FRED W. RUPP, RFD 2, Mink Road, Perkasie, Pa., advised that he has a subcontract with Crescent Firearms, Inc., 2 West 37th Street, New York City 18, N.Y., to clean various types of Italian made rifles.

He advised that periodically he picks up a load of these guns from Harborside Warehouse Terminal, Jersey City, N.J., and brings them to his shop where he cleans and test fires them.

He advised these guns are packed in sealed cardboard cartons containing ten rifles in each carton, which are individually packed in smaller cardboard cartons. Each carton of ten rifles has a carton number and a packing slip on the inside and outside of the carton which lists the serial number of each rifle contained therein.

He advised he keeps no record of the number of the carton or the serial numbers of the rifles when he picks them up from Harborside Warehouse Terminal. He advised, however, he feels sure that Harborside Warehouse Terminal must keep a record at least of the number of the carton when they release these cartons to him. He stated these cartons are brought to his shop at RFD 2, Mink Road, Perkasie, Pa. He then unpacks the cartons, cleans each gun, and then repacks them into the same carton, unless this particular carton is mutilated and torn, in which case he repacks them in a new carton. He advised that when he repacks them in a new carton, these cartons are numbered the same as the carton was numbered when he received it from Harborside. He further advised that in the event one of the guns does not properly function, he will replace it with another gun and the packing slip will reveal that the serial number of the gun replaced has been replaced with another gun and this serial number is listed on the packing slip.

He advised that one packing slip is then placed inside the carton and one is pasted on the outside of the carton. He advised that the remaining packing slips are sent by mail

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to ^{CRESCENT} Crescent Firearms, Inc., New York City.

He said his records in no way show the serial number of any individual gun handled by him. He stated the only record he has is the carton number record of the cartons he ships from his place to various customers which are designated to him by ^{CRESCENT} Crescent Firearms, Inc., in New York City.

He stated that his shipping book reflects that on February 12, 1963, on ^{CRESCENT} Crescent Firearms, Inc., order number 3178, he turned over carton number 3376 to North Penn Transfer Company, Lansdale, Pa., for shipment. He advised that his records do not reflect to whom this particular carton of guns was shipped because the bill of lading furnished to him by North Penn Transfer Company is sent to ^{CRESCENT} Crescent Firearms, Inc., New York City.

He stated that this bill of lading probably would not designate this carton of guns by number; however, the possibility existed that North Penn Transfer Company may add this carton number on the bill of lading after they had accepted shipment.

He further advised that he is a federally licensed gun dealer and produced a license which revealed the federal license number as being 23-3072, dated August 30, 1963, and signed by KENNETH O. HOOK, U. S. Treasury Department, Philadelphia District.

Mr. RUFF advised that the only record he could produce was his shipping book which would reflect that on February 12, 1963, on ^{CRESCENT} Crescent Firearms, Inc., order number 3178, he turned over carton number 3376 to North Penn Transfer Company for transportation to the customer.

Mr. RUFF further advised that the particular rifle in question is known internationally as a "38-E"; however, ^{CRESCENT} Crescent Firearms, Inc., designates this gun as "T-38"; therefore, his records would indicate that this particular rifle was a "T-38" rather than a "38-E."

Mr. RUFF advised that he would be the proper person to be subpoenaed to testify to the above facts at a court trial in this matter.