

Senate Probe

What happened to him

General Is Accused Of Big Gun Deals



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GENERAL TURNER. Possible grand jury action

Former MP Boss Linked To Weapons Cache--- U.S. Studies Case

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A Senate subcommittee investigator charged yesterday that the former Provost Marshal General of the Army used his official position to acquire a large number of rifles, shotguns and handguns and then sold some of them for personal profit.

The investigator, Philip R. Manuel, said that Major General Carl C. Turner, the former Provost Marshal General, got 397 firearms from the Chicago Police Department and 96 firearms from the Kansas City Police Department on behalf of the Army.

Seven of those weapons were found later in a cache confiscated by Federal agents in Fayetteville, N.C., Manuel said.

The general allegedly sold some of the guns he got from the police to a gun shop in Fayetteville. The investigator said that the weapons and munitions seized in Fayetteville — totaling five tons — were to be shipped to revolutionaries in Haiti.

ACTION

He said that he was prevented from going into detail because the Justice Department is preparing the case for possible grand jury action.

He did say, however, that Federal agents had raided several sites in Fayetteville, including "a little old gun shop near Fort Bragg."

Manuel said Turner has a license as a firearms dealer under provisions of the Federal Firearms Act. On the basis of records that the general kept as a dealer, from records maintained by the Fayetteville gun shop and from evidence obtained in the federal raid, Manuel said he established that Turner sold 23 of the weapons he received from the Chicago and Kansas City police.

"It is not known exactly how much money General Turner received as a result of the sale of these weapons," he said, "because the gun dealer's records did not reflect a price."

After the hearing, Manuel

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said that he had no evidence "that General Turner knew these guns would go to Haiti, or what would happen to them after he sold them."

Manuel is a staff investigator for the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

The investigator said that Turner also "caused to be sent to him in Washington a shipment of approximately 200 weapons from Fort Bliss, Texas. In order to obtain these weapons, Turner stated that "the purpose . . . was to make the weapons museum pieces for the U.S. Military Police Museum in Fort Gordon, Ga., in furtherance of certain U.S. Army training programs."

The investigator said later that 195 weapons were actually sent to the general from

Fort Bliss. They were "delivered directly to the residence of Major General Turner," he added.

Of the El Paso shipment, Manuel testified, "18 weapons were released by General Turner to the military police museum, six were released to the CID (Criminal Investigation Division) laboratory in Frankfurt, Germany and 35 were turned over to the First Criminal Investigation Detachment in Washington last month.

WEAPONS

Turner turned in to the Army a total of 202 weapons between this July and September, nine to 11 months after he had retired from the Army, Manuel said.

The Provost Marshal General is adviser to the Army Chief of Staff on military police affairs, including criminal investigation activities.



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PHILIP R. MANUEL U.S. investigator

At a news briefing yesterday morning, a Pentagon spokesman confirmed that the Defense Department is looking into the alleged weapons sales but would not comment on the investigation.

Turner also has been accused by Army investigators during the Senate hearings of frustrating an investigation of alleged corruption in servicemen's clubs.