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To: "kad@nrc.gov" <kad@nrc.gov>
Date: 4/16/04 2:29PM
Subject: Per Your Request - Re. French Made Mortar Sight

Kathy,

Attached emails I believe contain the contacts both from GD in Florida and from that French company that made the mortar sight in question (see email addresses for Bouxom and Burkett). Talk to you on Monday.

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From: "Fliszar, Richard W [AMSRD-AAR-QES-C]" <richard.w.fliszar@us.army.mil>
To: 'Lindsey Mr Forrest R' <LindseyFR.ctr@MCWL.quantico.usmc.mil>, "franck.bouxom@tda.thalesgroup.com" <franck.bouxom@tda.thalesgroup.com>, "jtburkett@stp.gd-ots.com" <jtburkett@stp.gd-ots.com>
Date: 4/6/04 1:37PM
Subject: RE: 120RT Mortar Sight

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From: Lindsey Mr Forrest R [mailto:LindseyFR.ctr@MCWL.quantico.usmc.mil]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2004 5:04 PM
To: 'franck.bouxom@tda.thalesgroup.com'; 'jtburkett@stp.gd-ots.com'
Cc: America Maj John F; Mattos Col Steven H; 'rfliszar@pica.army.mil';
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Hi Jason and Franck -

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Franck, please let me know what your preferred course of action would be to resolve this issue.

All the best,
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Date: 4/6/04 2:42PM
Subject: RE: 120RT Mortar Sight

Hi Rich -

In all humility, I can translate the license if we get it from TDA in French - or if my linguistic skills are at all suspect, we have a French liaison officer just down the street from me.

Even though we probably would like to get precise detail about what the TDA facilities, their capabilities to rebuild the sights, etc. - chances are that once they receive the sight, appropriately shipped and marked, they will be responsible to their own national authorities under their regulations and procedures.

If they send a copy of their license (and we translate it) and TDA and GD send e-mails from their company officers, shouldn't that satisfy your requirements and allow this transfer to begin?

Lemme know,
Rick

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From: Fliszar, Richard W [AMSRD-AAR-QES-C]
[mailto:richard.w.fliszar@us.army.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2004 2:25 PM
To: 'Lindsey Mr Forrest R'
Cc: Davis GS14 Lawrence S; America Maj John F; Brady, Larry M [AMSRD-AAR-GC]
Subject: RE: 120RT Mortar Sight

Rick,

I know what you mean by the Alzheimer's stuff. I think I'm starting to get senior moments every once and a while. I'm also thinking of writing a book that lists all the different ways people have spelled my last name over the years. Not too long ago I got correspondence that was meant for me, but where they had both the first and last letter wrong on my last name and also the last name was only 4 letters long as opposed to 7.

In regards to the type of correspondence (letter vs. email) I'll check again with our legal office to see what will be acceptable, but my impression was it needed to be more formal in nature than an email. Mr. Brady - could you respond on this aspect please.

In regards to the license I'm afraid I'm going to have to insist on

that. We don't have anyone in our office who speaks French to translate the license (assuming it is in French) and under the circumstances this request on our part I believe is reasonable and warranted. I am required to make sure that the license for the facility this item is going to be sent to is authorized to do what is planned. For example, if it is planned to remove the damaged tritium vial(s) and replace with other tritium vial(s) which are not leaking, that facility must be licensed to do just that. It may not be necessary to have the entire license translated, but the pertinent portions that will allow me to come to the conclusion that the facility is authorized to receive and do what they plan to do will be required.

Rich

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To: 'Fliszar, Richard W [AMSRD-AAR-QES-C]'
Cc: Davis GS14 Lawrence S; America Maj John F
Subject: RE: 120RT Mortar Sight

Hi Rich -

Sorry about your name; combination of my artillery ears and Alzheimer's.

During our conversation with Larry Davis, you said that an e-mail would be sufficient for your purposes but now you're requiring formal letters - is that really necessary? Both GD and TDA are well-established firms and have a solid history of supporting the US.

Requiring the French to translate their own license into English is a little bit much, don't you think? Could take weeks - don't you have anybody in your office or on post that can read French? It really isn't that hard to make out the technical terms since they use the same abbreviations and measurements we do... I agree that we have to satisfy all regulations but we don't have to make this any harder than we have to - if we don't make it possible to ship the sight back to the owners, you guys will have that thing in your storage for a long time!

Semper Fi,
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