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IN REPLY
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The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tester:

This responds to your March 17, 2009, inquiry to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) regarding the reclassification of small arms cartridges.

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS), a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), is the Department of Defense (DOD) activity responsible for the disposition of excess and surplus DOD Property.

The primary focus of the DRMS mission is to protect national security by ensuring property is properly identified for reutilization and disposition and not released for public sale when to do so would jeopardize national security.

During the past two years, DRMS revised its processes to further ensure only appropriate items were made available for public sale. To strengthen current controls and to mitigate future security risk, the DOD issued policy that prohibits the sale of military unique items controlled by the Department of State through its Munitions List.

Small arms cartridge cases, identified as sensitive Munitions List items, were held pending review of the policy relating to the category of items in which cartridge cases were included. Upon review, the Defense Logistics Agency determined the cartridge cases could be appropriately placed in a category of government property allowing for their release for sale.

The DRMS sales contractor was notified of this decision and began the process of reoffering the cases held pending completion of the policy review. As previously required, buyers who purchase cartridge cases from the government must be approved to do so under Trade Security Controls.

Sincerely,

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