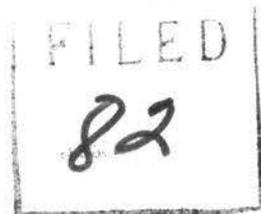


Answer by Letter (Burns)

January 5, 1971

OPINION LETTER NO. 82

Honorable C. M. Bassman  
Representative, District 106  
Room 202H, Capitol Building  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101



Dear Representative Bassman:

This is in answer to your letter of recent date in which you state that the people of Hermann, Missouri plan to establish a museum in which will be displayed articles relating to the prohibition era including whiskey stills and parts of stills, the components of which will have holes or parts missing or which will be otherwise rendered unfit to be used for the production of whiskey or other intoxicating beverages.

It is our view that no state law would be violated if such a display were made in a museum.

Section 311.810, RSMo 1969, makes contraband certain equipment used or fit for use in the unlawful manufacture of intoxicating liquor.

It is clear from the facts set out in your letter that the various objects which will be displayed in the museum will not be used or be fit for use in the unlawful manufacture of intoxicating liquor.

Therefore, there will be no violation of any state law by such display.

Very truly yours,

JOHN C. DANFORTH  
Attorney General