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Mr. Clegg.....	
Mr. Edwards.....	
Mr. Egan.....	
Mr. Hughes.....	
Mr. Locke.....	

September 8, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called upon Mr. E. F. Mitchell, in charge of the Police Training Section of the National Rifle Association, in the Barr Building, today, for the purpose of obtaining information from him relative to the National Rifle Association revolver targets and the National Rifle Association method of marking scores and the Army method of scoring. Mr. Mitchell furnished me with specimen targets of both the National Rifle Association and the Army. He also furnished me with a specimen of the Langrish police silhouette target, which is the outline of the body of a man from the head to the thighs. I also secured a specimen of the special police target.

I ascertained prices of these various targets, should you desire to have supplies of them secured to be used by Special Agents in the field service in marksmanship training. The special police target is the most practical one for use by this Division, and is a small target measuring 14" x 16 3/4" with a 5 1/2" bullseye. These targets can be procured from the National Rifle Association at a price of \$10.00 per thousand or \$1.25 per hundred.

I recommend that several thousand of these targets be purchased and supplied all field offices for use in training agents in marksmanship and for their practice firing in the future. This will supply a uniform target, and the firing can be done at standardized distances, which will result in having definite and uniform ratings given to all Special Agents.

Mr. Mitchell furnished to me gratuitously a supply of booklets entitled "Manual of Police Revolver Instruction". These booklets are sold by the National Rifle Association for 50¢ each or \$5.00 per dozen, and I am informed that it is the best short manual available for police revolver instruction. As a measure of cooperation with the Division, Mr. Mitchell gave to me 22 copies of this manual, in order that one copy might be forwarded to each field office.

For future instruction of agents in marksmanship and in revolver training, Mr. Mitchell advised me that he would be extremely glad, if a list of all field offices is furnished him, to communicate with a properly qualified expert of the National Rifle Association in each field office city and have that expert communicate with the Special Agent in Charge and offer his services and the facilities of

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Memo. Director  
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the National Rifle Association to the field offices for training purposes. This will be without cost to either the Division or the National Rifle Association, other than the expense of providing our own ammunition and targets.

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If you approve the recommendation that Special Agents be instructed, at some occasion during the month when it will not interfere with their regular work, to fire twenty shots and turn in the target each month to the Special Agent in Charge, in order that he may record the scores made, appropriate instructions will be forwarded to all field offices, and I will then communicate with Mr. Mitchell of the National Rifle Association and furnish him a list of the field offices, in order that he may communicate with the Rifle Association representative in each of the field office cities.

Respectfully,

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