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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with efforts to purchase two sub-machine guns for the Kansas City Office as desired by the Bureau, Mr. Holland of the Division of Supplies of the Department contacted Mr. Joseph A. Lorch, the local agent of the Colt Fire Arms Company. Mr. Lorch called at the Department this morning and left the attached circular concerning the Colt "Monitor" Automatic Machine Rifle, which he states cannot be sold except to the Government and which tests have indicated is preferable to the Thompson sub-machine gun, which is also manufactured by the Colt Company. The cost to the Government of the Monitor rifle is \$300 with spare parts and accessories. The gun is chambered for the caliber .30-'06 Government Rifle Cartridge. It weighs 16 pounds and 3 ounces and is somewhat heavier than the Thompson gun. Mr. Lorch states that no guns of this make are available to the criminal element and he believes their use by law-enforcement officials give them superiority over the ordinary machine gun. He stated he would be very glad to arrange for a demonstration of the Monitor gun and the Thompson gun in the event the Bureau would be interested.

Since it may be necessary for the Bureau to purchase additional sub-machine guns, I desire to recommend that arrangements be made through Mr. Lorch for such a demonstration in order that it may be determined whether the Monitor gun is preferable to the Thompson gun. I think Agent in Charge Keith and other officials of the Bureau should be present at this demonstration which Mr. Lorch will be glad to arrange at Washington. Mr. Lorch's address is 508 Concord Avenue, N. W., Telephone National 3283.

Respectfully,

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