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June 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Today I conferred with Captain Jervey of the Small Arms Division, Ordnance Department, United States Army, relative to the requirement on the form attached to Division letter of May 4, 1934, that all Special Agents fire monthly sixty shots with the Colt Monitor Automatic Machine Rifle and sixty shots with the Thompson Submachine Gun.

Captain Jervey stated that in his opinion the requirement as to the number of shots to be fired monthly by each Special Agent with the Monitor and the Thompson guns is undesirable. It is believed that no good purpose is served by having each Agent fire one clip of cartridges from each gun, in full automatic fire. It is believed sufficient, after each Agent has become familiar with the operation of the gun and knows how to handle it, for him to fire one clip of twenty cartridges, ten shots to be semi-automatic fire; i.e., one shot at a time, and the remaining ten in short bursts.

It is, also, believed that the range at which the Colt Monitor is to be fired may be reduced from 200 to 100 yards as the real purpose of the monthly training is in order that Agents may receive practice in the handling of this arm and the practice may be had as satisfactorily at 100 yards as at 200 yards.

A reduction in the number of shots required monthly from each Agent would not only reduce an unnecessary expenditure for ammunition, but would avoid a too rapid wearing out of the guns which will be the result if the present requirement is continued in effect. The life of the gun barrel of a Colt Monitor is estimated at about 7000 rounds, after which for accurate fire the barrel should be replaced.

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Memo. for Mr. Tolson

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In the event that this suggested reduction in the required number of shots is approved, it is recommended that the monthly report form be changed with reference to pistol or revolver training to include ten shots, time or rapid fire at 15 yards. If this is included the grades made for the full training course with the revolver will be available as to each Agent each month.

For your convenience in referring to the monthly report form, I am attaching a copy of that form hereto.

Respectfully,



Enclosure No. 558917.

T. F. Baughman.

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MONTHLY REPORT

Re: Special Agent

1. Pistol

Is this employee qualified as a Marksman or better? Yes ( ) No ( ) Grade ( )  
Has he during the past 30 days fired a slow fire target of 15 yards? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Has he during the past 30 days fired a slow fire target of 25 yards? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Is he thoroughly familiar with the mechanism of the gun issued to him? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Is the gun issued to him in perfect condition? Yes ( ) No ( )

2. 12 Gauge Automatic Shotgun

Has employee fired at least five shots from this gun at 15 yards during the  
past thirty days? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Has employee fired at least five shots at 40 yards during the past thirty  
days? Yes ( ) No ( )

3. Thompson Sub-machine Gun

Has employee during the past thirty days fired one clip slow fire at 25 yards?  
Yes ( ) No ( )  
Has employee during the past thirty days fired one clip full automatic at 25  
yards? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Has employee during the past thirty days fired one clip in burst at 25 yards?  
Yes ( ) No ( )

4. Gas Guns

Has employee at any time fired a projectile from the gas gun? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Has employee at any time fired a shell from the gas gun? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Has employee at any time thrown a loaded hand grenade? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Has employee during the last thirty days received practice in the use of the  
gas mask? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Has he witnessed the actual firing of a gas shell and projectile during the  
past thirty days? Yes ( ) No ( )  
Has he thrown a dummy gas grenade during the past thirty days? Yes ( ) No ( )

5. 30.06 Bolt Action Rifle

Has employee during the past thirty days fired 10 shots at 200 yards from this  
gun? Yes ( ) No ( )

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6. Colt Monitor Automatic Rifle

Has employee during the past thirty days fired 20 shots, single fire, at 200 yards? Yes ( ) No ( )

Has employee during the past thirty days fired 20 shots in burst at 100 yards? Yes ( ) No ( )

Has employee during the past thirty days fired 20 shots full automatic at 50 yards? Yes ( ) No ( )

Has this employee received training during the past month under your supervision in connection with the proper assembling and installing of the Vactophone or listening device? Yes ( ) No ( )

Has this employee received instruction during the past month under your supervision in connection with the proper method of installing a dial number recording machine? Yes ( ) No ( )

Has this employee during the last thirty days received instructions in the development of latent fingerprints? Yes ( ) No ( )

Has employee during the last thirty days received instructions in the lifting of latent fingerprints? Yes ( ) No ( )

Has employee during the last thirty days received instructions in the photographing of latent fingerprints? Yes ( ) No ( )

Special Agent in Charge.

Note: In the event any of the foregoing questions are answered in the negative an appropriate detailed explanation must be submitted to the Division with this report.