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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALLS
WITH THEODORE G. LORENZEN, JR.,
U. S. Army Weapons Command, Rock Island, Illinois
AUGUST 1 and 2, 1963

In a series of four telephone calls with S. M. Alvis and P. H. Burdett, Mr. Lorenzen gave the following information and made the following arrangements.

The U. S. Army Weapons Command has been instructed to arrange a demonstration for a selected group of high brass at Aberdeen Proving Ground including in the program the Stoner 63 Machine Gun, the Winchester 224 Light Rifle, the M16-5.7mm Converted Carbine, and such other weapons as they feel should be included in this class. We had previously been invited by Mr. Gnam to submit an entry and had declined since we do not have a light military rifle ready for demonstration. Armalite, Inc. was also invited to show the AR-15 but although they are building 25 prototype models they will not be ready in time and they have declined.

Mr. Lorenzen called saying that the Weapons Command has noted that the demonstration will include calibers from the M16-5.7mm to the .223 (223), and they felt on the basis of their personal experience with the XM100 which is now in evaluation that the 221 Fireball should be included. They asked, therefore, whether we would accept invitation to include the XM100 in the demonstration. We have accepted the invitation and will be expected to participate.

Tentative plans will be confirmed probably by teletype. At present they are as follows: The demonstration is to be held on 4 September starting at 0900 hours. Each participant is to be allotted one hour for demonstration. (I have suggested that we probably would not require a full hour.) It has been suggested that the presentation should include a short history, description, a demonstration of field stripping and shooting. Questions from the audience should be solicited and members of the audience should be invited to fire the weapon if they so desire.

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It is suggested that two guns be available and approximately 500 rounds of ammunition, both as minimum figures. Participants are invited to appear the day before to set up and make last minute arrangements. Contact for arrangements and facilities, such as benches, loud speakers, etc., will be Colonel Rafferty of Test and Evaluation Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

All of these tentative arrangements will be confirmed.


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