

7/29 - called Fred Woodruff, Arms Service.
8:45am Will be on lookout for this XP100

Wayne Leek! This is the one I told you about the other day. I am having the gun shipped up to you under separate cover. As you will note, you unfold the piece which goes over the shoulder and suspend the piece which hangs down in order to make this thing work. I was really amazed by it but I don't know what practical application it might have since it is certainly no longer a hand gun. Would appreciate your comments since Chapman is an old friend. Thanks very much.

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Dear Bernie:

I am sorry we missed you when you and Maurine stopped off at the house last week. As you know, we had been in Boston at a family wedding and didn't get back until later than expected.

I have looked over your suggested modifications for the XP-100 and they are certainly interesting. I am taking the liberty of referring them to Wayne Leek who is the designer of the original pistol. I'll certainly keep you apprised of any comments he may have.

There is no question in my mind that the balance is improved by your addition. However, I suspect that what you have done is to make a rifle out of this gun and not a hand gun. However, there may be some application of the general principles you advocate to designing a shoulder firearm which can be held more accurately than the present system. I am not enough of an engineer to know for sure but Wayne is.

Thanks again for your interest and the time you have spent on this.

Jan joins me in sending best to the Chapman clan.

Kindest regards,



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