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Bridgport, Connecticut,

January 3, 1962

MR. G. M. TALHOUN,

Subject: BOUTREAU Pistol

This memorandum reports follow-up phone calls by Mr. Boudreau on December 21, 1961 and January 3, 1962. He will call again about January 9th.

I told Mr. Boudreau there were some Remington people who were quite interested in his design and others who had little if any interest. I suggested to him that, after certain exploratory talks had been concluded, it would be desirable for him to come back with his models, and his movies showing comparative results, for further discussion and for demonstrations with live ammunition.

We discussed very generally his efforts to interest other manufacturers. Apparently Ruger is very much interested but too involved right now with commitments relative to their .44 Magnum Carbine to undertake anything else. He does not appear to have had any reaction to his approach to others, which I am sure included High Standard. I believe it likely he will stand hitched for a week or so more, and he agreed to let me know if anything else develops.

I am very favorably impressed with the novelty and utility of his design. If we are going to give any serious consideration to entering the pistol business this is a design which cannot be ignored.

The existing patent is not of extremely broad scope, and its illustration is of one of the very early design models, so that consideration of the patent alone may not leave a favorable impression. The appearance of the present model is greatly improved and even this suffers from the fact that Mr. Boudreau's shop facilities are not such as to permit him to achieve all of the refinements in appearance which he would like to have. The patent claims all carry a limitation with respect to the angle between the grip and the long axis of the barrel. This is not such a serious limitation as at first appears for, if the barrel is mounted low enough to produce a straight line recoil, the grip must necessarily be in the range of angles claimed, to permit a practicable location of the trigger. The claims would probably be difficult to avoid without sacrificing some of the desirable characteristics.

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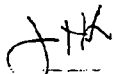
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MR. E. M. CALHOUN,

I understand that you prefer not to take any further action until you have discussed the matter further with Sam, Wayne and myself. Since we know Mr. Boudreau is actively contacting other manufacturers, and since I expect him to check back with me next week, I urge you to do what you can to expedite consideration.

As a matter of interest in this connection, I was approached by Pete Pasky of the Sportsman's Den, who is familiar with the Boudreau design, has fired it and witnessed many of the tests. He is extremely enthusiastic, and emphatic in urging that Remington seize on this opportunity and put these pistol designs on the market.

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