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FROM: E. G. LARSON

SUBJECT: XP100

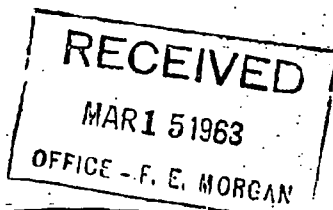
I have just had the opportunity to inspect and test an XP100, and while this office is usually overly critical of safety features in our products, motivated by our handling of personal injuries, I do feel that a possible hazard exists in the new arm.

When a right-handed shooter wishes to remove a loaded round while the gun is on "Safe", it is necessary to push the safety into the "Off" position because the safety also acts as a bolt lock. It is convenient to me to reach over with the left hand to push the safety off, and in so doing, pressure is applied to the gun and naturally to counteract this, there is a tightening of the three fingers on the stock. If the trigger finger is in the trigger guard, pressure will be applied to the trigger as well. Immediately upon release of the safety, the gun fires under these circumstances.

It is realized that an experienced shooter should keep his finger away from the trigger at all times except when firing, but this is a weapon of new design and has a rifle type safety which many handgun shooters may not be acquainted.

I talked to F. E. Morgan and Wayne Leek about this, and they are of the opinion that a bolt lock is necessary because this arm will be carried in saddle scabbards, etc., and they also feel that the gun should be unloaded with it being held by the left hand as one would do in unloading a rifle.

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As previously mentioned, I may be too critical, but if the gun must be handled in a specific manner, then perhaps this should be included in the instruction sheet so that we would be in a more favorable position to defend an accident case.

To find out if a hazard exists, a simple test including novice, average and expert handgunners could be run with all individuals going through several loadings and unloadings involving release of the safety using dummy rounds.

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