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Several months ago I provided Les Bowman with a Nylon 66 sling strap to attach in any manner he saw fit to an XP-100 Pistol for ease in carrying. He found this method of approach not to be too desirable but fortuitously discovered that if the strap was attached to the rear section of the stock it would provide more stability when shooting offhand or in a sitting position.

I suspect this was found to be similar to the supporting that one gets from a sling strap on a target rifle. He did indicate, however, in one of his recent letters that the sling strap was slightly short and wouldn't allow a person to extend their arms fully and therefore one would not get the maximum locking and support that should be obtained with a longer strap.

Would you please arrange to purchase approx. a dozen nylon straps similar to the N66 but with exception of being 10" to 12" longer than the present strap. I think these straps have been obtained from a manufacturer in Utica. We would like to retain several of the straps here for our experimental work, and will you please send about 3 straps to Les for his experimentation.

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