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cc J. K. Phipps  
May 21, 1963  
Mr. John Appelt  
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Dear Mr. Appelt:

Thank you for your interesting letter and attachments pertaining a patent concerned with the sling attached to handguns. I expect that Les Bowman's article in the Guns & Ammo magazine is what initiated your comments and letter.

Actually Mr. Bowman was asked to see if he could devise some means for carrying a pistol with a sling attached to it. This was more of interest actually to promote the article and also the use of the handgun. I wish to advise you that we have no intentions at the present time of drilling or tapping the stock in any manner for attaching slings, but certainly would consider some method attachment at a later date should the public demand.

Your patent certainly displays the use of stability of a sling in a clever manner and I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what there will be a demand for such an item that can be used with the XP-100 Pistol. One must be careful in drilling and attaching screws to this stock in the area of the fire control as a long screw could interrupt and prevent the fire control and sear mechanism from functioning properly.

I wish you success in the sale and promotion of your sling strap idea and hope that the XP-100 Pistol will aid you in this promotion.

Very truly yours,

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