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BRIDGEPORT

PROPOSED SINGLE SHOT .222 REMINGTON PISTOL

I am in receipt of your draft pertaining to the proposed development and manufacture of a single shot .222 Remington pistol.

I think your suggestions as to the utility of such a pistol being used for varmint hunting and protection against coyotes, etc. on the open ranges, as well as use of such a pistol for trappers and for the general pistol lover and target shooter are excellent. Your draft has been read with interest and I have been unable to come up with any additional features to "sell" this item to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue since it appears you have covered the subject very thoroughly.

We have been experimenting with a short cartridge which, if you recall, was the original length prior to the introduction of the regular .222 Remington. Our loadings indicate that with a 55 grain bullet we can obtain around 2650 to 2700 fps. However, this cartridge is specially loaded with a faster powder, its purpose of course to become more efficient in a short 10" barrel. The shooting model which I have shown to you has been set up to fire the regular .222 Remington. I have no actual figures as to the muzzle velocity of this bullet in the 10" barrel, but if you feel this is necessary we can make arrangements to make these measurements to obtain this information.

I would expect that Remington would prefer to use the standard .222 Remington cartridge in the bolt action pistol. However, in our design of the autoloading version we plan to use the short cartridge.

It is planned to furnish the existing pistol to Mr. Coleman for test purposes. Should it become necessary to furnish this model to the Alcohol Tax Unit for their investigation we will have to obtain the pistol from Mr. Coleman which shoots the regular .222 Remington cartridge. Or we can provide you with the experimental

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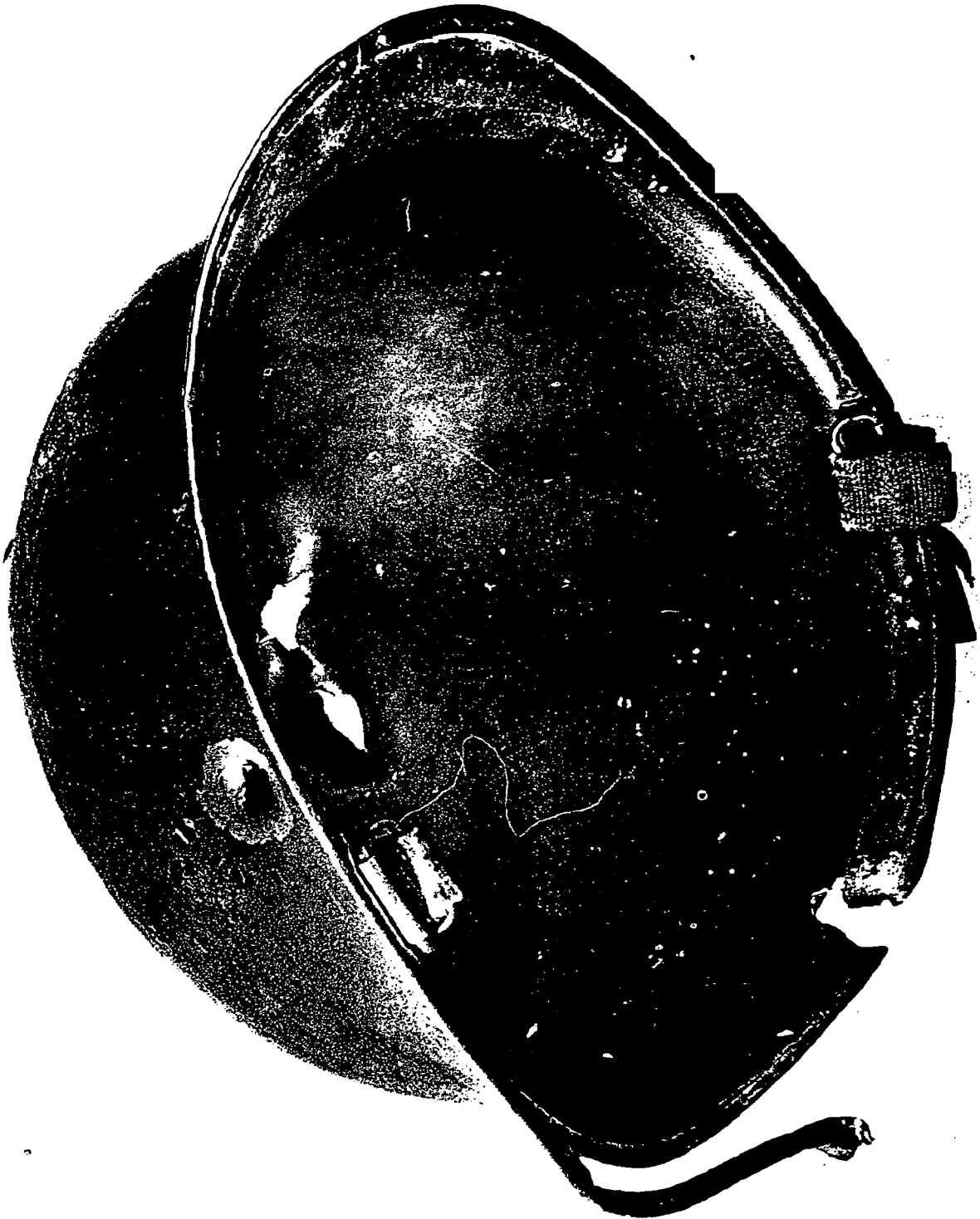
pistol now under construction and which is chambered for the short cartridge.

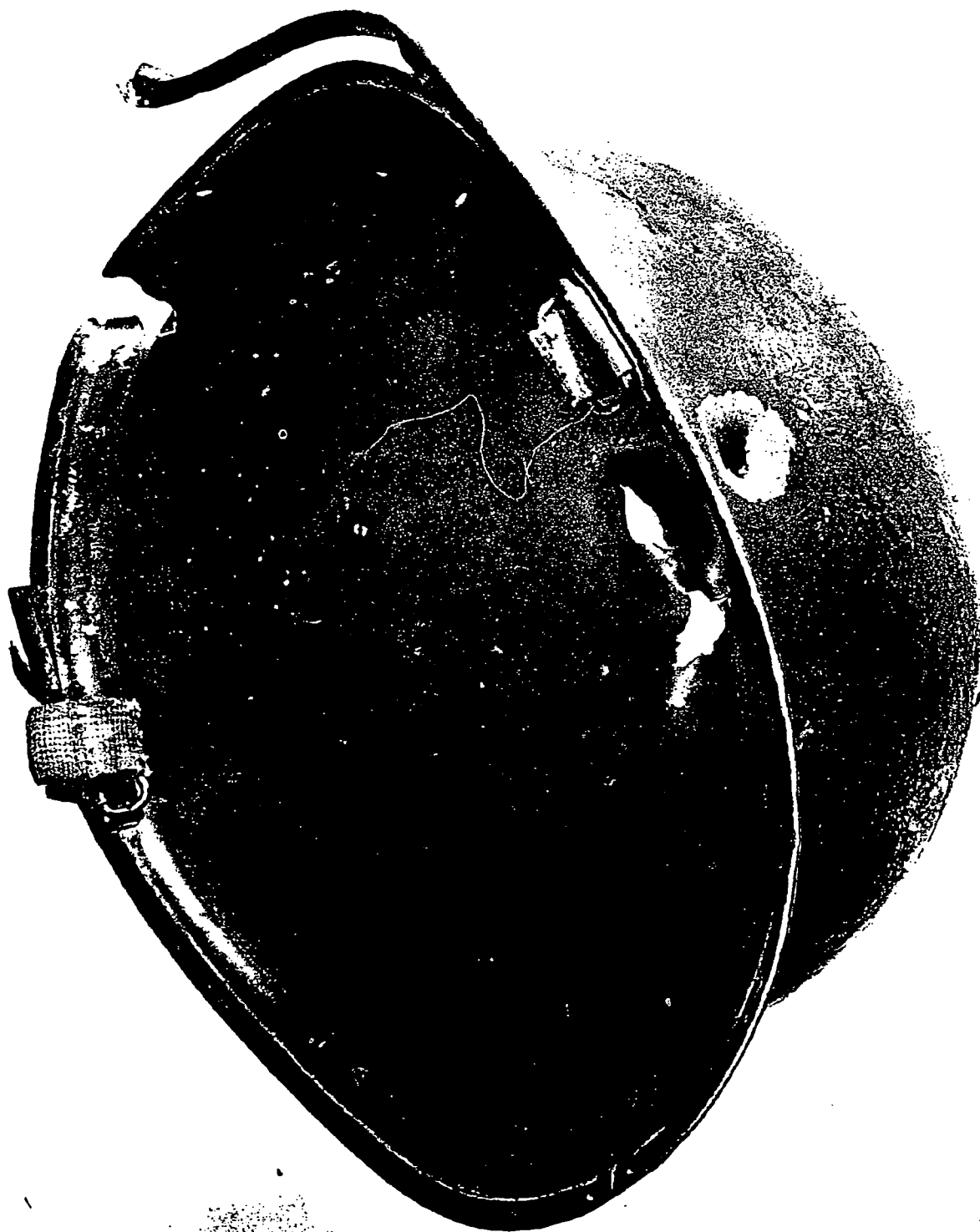
In our contacts with the Special Agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit Division located in Utica, he was not shown the pistol but was informed of its general shape and capabilities. If you feel that I should contact him and provide him with further information, pictures, or show him the pistol, please advise.

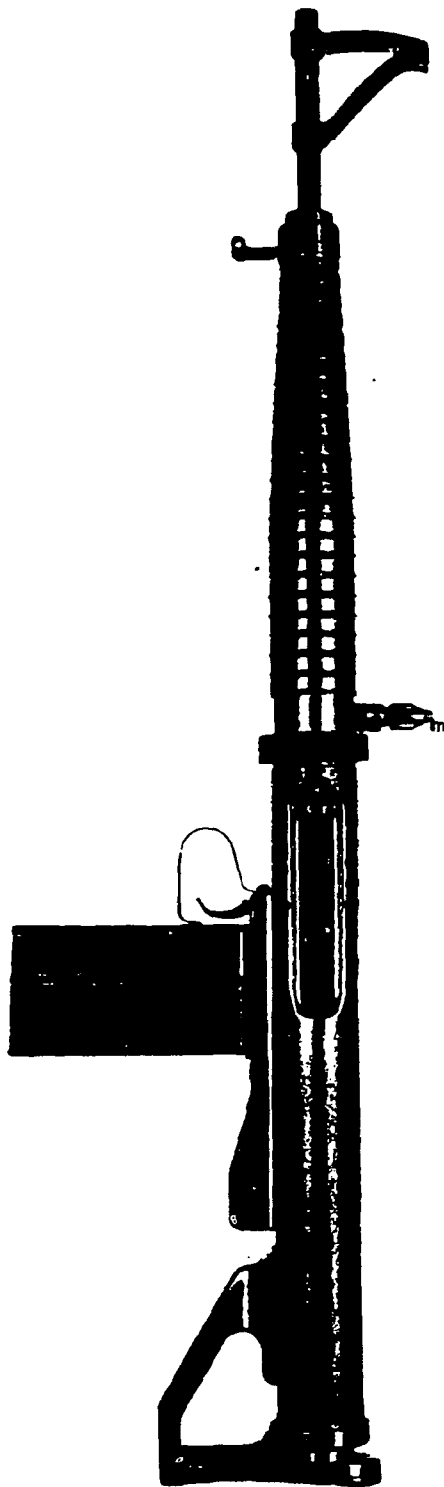
Enclosed herewith are the photographs of the pistol, which you requested. If these are not adequate, please advise as to which views you would like in addition to those being sent.

  
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