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A/700 "CUSTOM CHECKERING" PATTING

Confirming for record purposes the decisions reached at yesterday's (11/21/61) meeting in Bridgeport, we will proceed immediately on the following basis to make dies and fabrication of additional equipment for "Custom" checkering of the A/700 A grade stock.

1. GRIP, SIDES

Outline, position and separation of rear section approved as submitted on physical sample of 11/21/61.

2. GRIP, TOP

Outline and position approved, but fill in sides of this pattern to match side grip section (eliminate cross over).

3. PERL-END, SIDES

Outline, position and diamond separations approved as submitted on physical sample of 11/21/61 except make  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch longer on back end.

4. PERL-END, NOTCH

Outline, position and diamond separations approved as submitted on physical sample of 11/21/61.

No decision was reached on patterns approval on the A/700. However, values indicated a general outline of their thinking on what would be appropriate and on this basis we will proceed to make up paper samples for later review of A/700 patterns as follows:

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1. GRIP, SIDES

Similar to the A Grade pattern submitted on 11/21/61, but change at grip cap and to straight line parallel with grip caps; Alter front to a fleur-de-lis; alter tail section slightly to conform as necessary.

2. GRIP, TOP

Keep the same as submitted on physical MBL sample of 11/21/61 except for minor redesign.

3. FRAMEWORK, SIDES

Completely redesign using fleur-de-lis pattern.

4. FRAMEWORK, BOTTOM

Alter the ends of the MBL patterns submitted on physical sample of 11/21/61 to a fleur-de-lis compatible with patterns developed on fore-and sides (item 3 above).

MBL samples as described above will be submitted to Sales early next week (week of 11/27/61) for approval. Earliest pattern approval is essential since checkerboard die manufacturing in itself involves considerable time and any further delay along the way will only delay the warehousing date of this model.

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