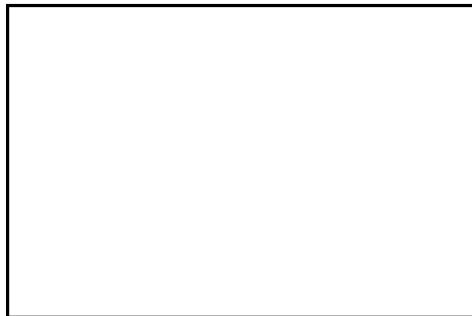


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7 October 1973

Thank you for your letter of 2 October concerning your search for information about the "Liberator" pistol being sent into Norway. It is possible that this particular weapon was never recorded when it was packed for drop in the containers.

Prior to receiving your letter I obtained some information about the particular OSS operation in Norway which was launched from Leuchars. It was called the "Ball Project" and was brought into being to support the Norwegian resistance after the R.A.F. declined to supply them due to the longer daylight periods of the Scandinavian summers. The "Ball Project" operated from July to September 1944 and completed thirty-seven missions out of a scheduled sixty-four. About 120 tons of OSS packaged cargo was dropped to the Norwegians as well as a few agents. This equipment came from the OSS packing station near Birmingham, England.

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The "Ball Project" was only one of several backed by the during the Norway-Sweden operation under the command of [redacted]. The other projects were listed as; "Sonnie Project"  
"When and Where"  
"Speedy Project"  
"Dolly Project"

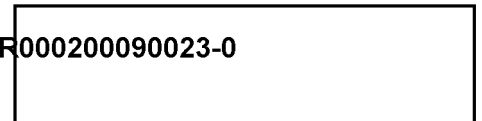
However, only the "Sonnie-When and Where-Ball" projects would have possibly involved the pistols in question. My source of information was a former Colonel associated with the "Ball Project" who saw these pistols at Leuchars and learned that a number of them were being sent into Norway with other sabotage items.

Thank you again for your reply in this matter. It is much appreciated and even a negative does indicate something.

Sincerely,

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