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Mr. R. W. Koch

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Dear Mr. Koch:

As you will no doubt recall, I told you in a previous letter I checked with the CIA logistics unit early in our correspondence to see what, if any, information they had on the "Liberator" pistol.

The only knowledge they had was on the one in their museum and one other that they had received from the Army arsenal. They did have a copy of the old weapons manual with the description but no records of ever having any supply of the guns.

It's not that anyone is trying to withhold any information; it's just that World War II OSS records on supplies and equipment is practically nonexistent. You have to bear in mind that almost everyone in OSS was in the military service, and once the war was over they were only interested in closing up their respective offices and getting discharged and back home. I am surprised that any records were retained under the circumstances.

Sorry I can't be more helpful, but there doesn't seem to be any additional information in the OSS or CIA files on the "Liberator" pistol.

I told a friend about you finding a source for these weapons in Canada. If they are still available and not too expensive, he would like to buy one. Do you have the address and name of the firm?

Sincerely,

ACR:dm (19 Mar 73)

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