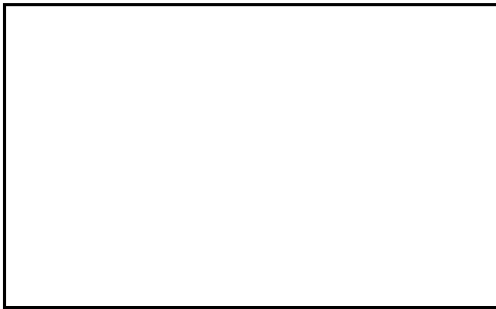


7 February 1972

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Since my last correspondence with your office concerning the "Liberator" pistol, properly designated "Flare Projector .45 Caliber" I have obtained a substantial amount of information concerning it. Some of this information prompts me to once again write to you for some additional information which you may or may not have in your unclassified files.

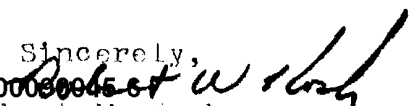
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The first item is; Could you possibly furnish me with the present address of one Marcel Vigneras, formerly a member of OSS in 1943 and later a researcher with the Historical Division of WFO? He obtained his Ph.D. at Western Reserve University.

My second request; Could you furnish me with a Xerox copy of the memorandum you quoted in your letter to me of 11 August 1971 stating that the War Department had ordered the FP-45, half of which were given to friendly allied governments?

My last request is based upon recent information from a valid source indicating that there exists at the present time a number of these pistols in a bonded warehouse, the location being on the East Coast. These pistols were believed to be from an OSS Operation conducted by OSS London or OSS Algiers titled "Operation Zebra" conducted on 14 July 1944. It had to do with a mass air drop of supplies to the FFI. Could you please check your Operation Zebra folder and see if these pistols were dropped to the FFI in Southern France. Any assistance you could furnish in this matter would be greatly appreciated by me.

Sincerely,

  
Robert W. Koch

23 February 1972

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This letter is just to say thank you for the prompt, courteous and informative reply to my letter. I have been recently informed by an advisor in Vietnam that three of these "Liberator" pistols were found in an abandoned French arms cache in 1969 by Special Forces in the Pleiku area. Evidently they were left-overs from the China-Burma area during World War 2 and then came into the Viet Cong's control along with the French weapons and were cached away for future use by the VC.

When my book is completed concerning this pistol I shall see that you receive one of the very first free gratis copies. Thanks again for your assistance. It is really appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert W. Koch

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