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From: Lt. Comdr. Hudson Moore, Jr., USNR

To: Capt. W. S. Parsons, USN
P.O. Box 1663, Sante Fe, New Mexico.

Subject: 3"/50 Caliber Gun, Unrifled Barrel

Reference: (a) Telephone conversation between Capt. W. S. Parsons
and Lt. Comdr. H. Moore, Jr., on July 12, 1943.
(b) Conf. memo. from Re5a to Pr5a dated July 15, 1943.

Enclosure: Copy of reference (b).
(herewith)

1. Reference (a) requested that an order be initiated for an additional 3"/50 smooth bore gun to arrive at Albuquerque before October 1, 1943, with this gun to be the same as the one requested in the letter from Comdr. W. S. Parsons to Admiral W. H. P. Blandy dated May 17, 1943. It was stated that the bore diameter of this gun was to be 3".

2. On July 13, 1943 I telephoned Dr. McMilla^s at Sante Fe to confirm the fact that the order pertained only to a barrel and not to a complete gun as was described in the letter to Admiral Blandy. Mr. McMilla^s assured me that this was the case.

3. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information and constitutes the request that a 3"/50 caliber gun, unrifled barrel, be shipped to University of New Mexico for experimental use. Attention of Lt. Mills was called to the fact that the size of this barrel was to be 3" as measured upon the land diameter and not the groove diameter. He said that this would be a new barrel which had not been rifled and that it would, therefore, be a smooth bore of 3" diameter.

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Hudson Moore, Jr.
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- Orig. Parsons
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cc 2. Moore
cc 3. Moore



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