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SUBJECT: THEORETICAL UNSAFE CONDITION OF M/72 SAFETY

Straight calculation of the amount the Safety lifts the Bear off the Trigger gives a max. lift of .0147" and a min. lift of ~~max~~ .0024". However, fourteen (14) different dimensions are used in the calculation. The actual amount of lift by statistical analysis would be a MAX. of .0097" and a min. of .0032".

Objections have been raised to the above theoretical unsafe condition. According to L. T. Murphy, the necessary dimension changes at the Bear to eliminate this condition can be made without changes to tooling or gaging. With a minimum lap of .026" between Bear and Firing Pin head the change can be made by changing the depth of grind on the Bear notch.

This change will be incorporated in the drawing as soon as tool procurement is completed.

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