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Reply to RDTR2 14-04181-NSP

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This is in response to your inquiry to the National Archives regarding your request for copies of Supply Contract Nom-73566, Specifications for USMC M40/M700 Rifle System, Supply Contract Nom-73565, Specifications for Redfield Rifle Scope, and any correspondence between Redfield and the Marine Corps regarding the scope.

In the Unclassified Correspondence of the Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) for 1966 under Standard Subject Identification Code (SSIC) 3960 for Tests and Evaluations, there are six boxes and under 4400 for Supply, there are four boxes.

We regret that we cannot undertake the extensive research necessary to identify the exact documents in which you are interested. We are staffed to assist researchers with their work, but not to undertake substantive research for them.

Additionally, you may want to review the other years around 1966 for evaluations of the M40 Rifle System and Redfield Scope, for example 1965 and 1967 depending on when the testing and the evaluations were done.

According to the Navy and Marine Corps records management manual (SECNAV 5210.1) under SSIC 4200 General Contracting Records, procurement contracts are considered temporary records.

We will be pleased to make the finding aids to these records available to you or your representative in our research room at the National Archives in College Park, MD. The Archives II Reference Section (RDTR2) is located at 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD, near the University of Maryland--College Park campus.

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