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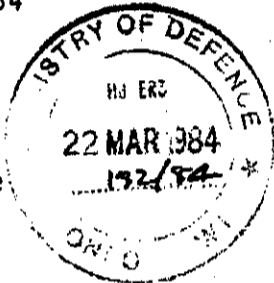
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REPLACEMENT L67/WEBLEY SCHERMULY L5A3 SYSTEM

- References:
- A. D/ER3/22/14 of 28 February 1984 E 94
 - B. TP 4020/074/DD(B)/84 of 9 March 1984 E 96
 - C. (SMO) Ptn/TP 4020 of 20 December 1983
 - D. D/DCE/3/2/1 of 9 March 1984 E 95

1. I have some further comments to add to my note of March 9th 1984 (Reference B).
2. CDE has not yet been tasked to undertake a "medical" evaluation of this system. Such an evaluation will take several months after it has been formally requested and resources - if available - allocated to it. It should also be noted that the specific requirements of the Medical Committee have yet to be ascertained. The system in use by the RUC has not been evaluated in accordance with Medical Committee practice.
3. CDE's opinion on the shortcomings of this system have been set out in Reference C. Further the competitor systems have not been evaluated. Therefore the suggestion by N.I.O. that it would be helpful to include an assessment of other existing alternatives will not be possible.
4. Clearly if any of the present options are to be pursued a formal request to Director CDE must be the first step.
5. DRPB in his memo (Reference D) raises in his para 2. the possibility that the choice of the Webley Schermuly gun might make the achievement of a safer plastic baton round more difficult. We would agree with him.

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