13 June 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: AB-20

SUBJECT: Invention of golf scoring device.

1. The undersigned recently conceived an idea and an automatic device to assist golfers in keeping track of the number of strokes made in playing each hole and of the total number made in playing the whole game. The idea and the proposed device have, of course, nothing to do with ASA activities or background, and were conceived outside of working hours. However, it is desired that indication be given that the ASA has no interest in the idea and that the undersigned is free to prosecute the invention at his own expense and without obligation to the Government.

2. However, if it is thought that certain Governmental recreational units might have an interest in such a device and if the Government should desire a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to the invention and any patent that may be secured thereon, the undersigned would be glad to grant such a license provided the patent application will be processed at no expense to him under the Act of May 3, 1883, as amended, 35 U.S.C.A. 45.

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