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ARMAMENT AND CHEMICAL ACQUISITION AND LOGISTICS ACTIVITY
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61299-7630

April 7, 1998

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Safety Office, Armament and Chemical Acquisition
And Logistics Activity

Ms. Michele L. Burgess
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Sealed Source Safety Section
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Burgess:

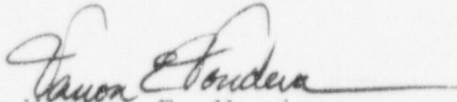
Attached you will find a proposed design modification for the U.S. Army M67 Mortar Sight Unit authorized under Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Registration Certificate Number NR-0155-D-126-S (Model M67 tritium illuminated mortar sight) and held under NRC License 12-00722-06.

The design modification adds a spacer under the course azimuth dial for improved unit operation as noted in the modification package. The added spacer is a single piece of stainless steel, which is compatible with the stainless steel body of the M67 Sight Unit. The proposed design modification was forwarded to Ms. Michele Burgess via FAX through John Jankovich on March 10, 1998 and color photographs were supplied to Ms. Burgess via mail the following week. Further modification and clarifications were discussed with Ms. Burgess via phone conference with Messrs. Wai Luk, Mark Lovelace, Rich Fliszar and Mark Lindenbaum of Picatinny Arsenal on April 1, 1998.

The modification package is submitted for your review, certification and addition to the original M67 certification package.

The POC for this amendment is Mr. Timothy J. Mohs, Radiation Safety Officer commercial phone number (309) 782-6228, e-mail mohst@ria.army.mil.

Sincerely,


Vernon E. Vondera
Chief, ACALA Safety

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REQUIREMENTS:

1. THERE SHALL BE NO EVIDENCE OF PHYSICAL FAILURE SUCH AS LIGHT LOSS DUE TO EXPOSING THE POTTED LAMP TO -80°F AND -160°F FOR A PERIOD OF 8 HOURS AT EACH TEMPERATURE.
2. REMOVABLE RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION BY WIPING SHALL BE LESS THAN 1000 DPM.

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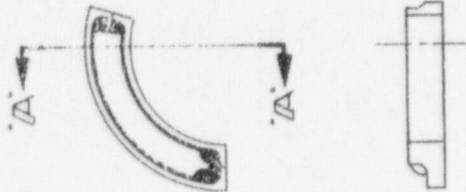
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SECTION 'A'-A'



SEE SEPARATE PARTS LIST-11733741
APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS
SQAP 11733741

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REQUIREMENTS:

1. THERE SHALL BE NO EVIDENCE OF PHYSICAL FAILURE SUCH AS FRACTURING OR LIGHT LOSS DUE TO EXPOSING THE LAMP TO -80°F AND +160°F FOR A PERIOD OF 8 HOURS AT EACH TEMPERATURE.
2. AFTER SUBMERGING THE LAMP IN ROOM TEMPERATURE WATER FOR 4 HOURS, RADIOACTIVE CONTENT OF THE WATER SHALL NOT EXCEED .005 MICROCURIE.
3. VIAL TO BE FILLED WITH TRITIUM (H₃) OF 94-96% PURITY, LESS THEN 1% TRITIUM OXIDE. TOTAL 10 CURIES MAXIMUM
4. PRIOR TO MAKING BRIGHTNESS MEASUREMENTS, LAMPS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO STABILIZE FOR A PERIOD OF 25 DAYS FROM MANUFACTURE.
5. FOLLOWING THE STABILIZATION PERIOD AND UP TO 120 DAYS FROM DATE OF MANUFACTURE, BRIGHTNESS MEASUREMENTS SHALL NOT SHOW A DECAY IN EXCESS OF 2.5% WHEN MEASURED OVER ANY CONSECUTIVE 30 DAY PERIOD. FURTHER, THE FINAL BRIGHTNESS MEASUREMENT AT TIME OF ACCEPTANCE SHALL BE 600 MICROLAMBERTS MINIMUM.
6. INTERNAL PRESSURE 2.50 ATMOSPHERES (NOMINAL) AT +70°F.
7. PHOSPHOR COATED ARC LENGTH "X" SHALL BE 65" MINIMUM. COLOR OF PHOSPHOR: GREEN SPECTRAL PEAK 5250 Å ± 50 Å 1/2 PEAK WIDTH 700 Å ± 50 Å.
8. THE MANUFACTURER MUST HAVE THE LAMP REGISTERED WITH THE US NUCLEAR REGULATION COMMISSION (NRC) AND HAVE OBTAINED THE LAMP NRC REGISTRATION NUMBER.

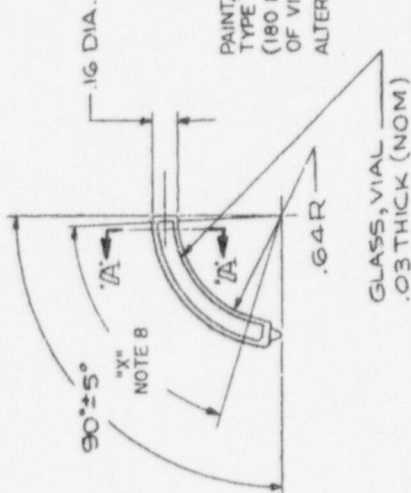
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OF VIAL), APPLY TWO COATS (MIN).
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SECTION A-A

SPECIFICATION CONTROL DRAWING

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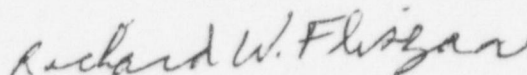
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20 Feb. 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U.S. Army Armament and Chemical Acquisition and Logistic Activity, ATTN: AMSTA-AC-SF (Mr. Tim Mohs), Rock Island, IL 61299-6000

SUBJECT: Proposed Design Modification to the M67 Mortar Sight Unit

1. Reference MFR, AMSTA-AR-FSF-I, 20 Feb. 1998, Course Azimuth Scale (CAS) Design Change Proposal, encl.
2. Problems presently exist in maintaining proper operation of the course azimuth scale on the M67 mortar sight unit. An engineering design change has been proposed to correct this deficiency. The referenced enclosure documents the safety assessment of the proposed change, which entails the incorporation of a metal spacer ring to that scale assembly. Based on that assessment it does not appear to this office that the proposed change will have a negative impact on maintaining the structural integrity of the tritium vial that is part of that scale. Also enclosed with the referenced MFR are appropriate drawings, as well as photos, both of the present configuration and of the proposed change, to aid you in your assessment of this matter.
3. It does not appear to this office that further ANSI N540 testing, nor additional live fire testing, will be necessary in regards to this proposed change. It is understood that the final decision in that regard is with your office. Request a decision regarding this matter be received by Mr. Wai's office NLT 10 March 1998. Should you deem it necessary to require further testing, please be specific as to what that testing would need to be, and / or if you feel it necessary to further coordinate this proposal with the NRC. This office is not sure whether the proposed modification will require a change to the registration, even if no further testing is required. Therefore, please provide that guidance also.
4. POC's, should you have any questions regarding this proposed engineering change, are Messrs. Wai Luk, DSN: 880-6925, and Richard Fliszar, DSN: 880-3126.



Richard W. Fliszar
Health Physics Manager
Radiation Protection Group
Quality Engineering & Safety Team
Quality Engineering Directorate

CF (w/encl):

AMSTA-AR-FSF-I (Mr. Wai Luk)

AMSTA-AR-QAW (Mr. Geza Pap)

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Coarse Azimuth Scale (CAS) design change proposal

Objective: To improve the tightness of the CAS on the M67 Sight Unit

Background: During a regular maintenance inspection of M67 Sight Unit, couples of CAS were found loose at Ft. Benning. ARDEC quickly replaced the defected sight units. Since then, the tightness of the CAS has become a concern to the users. PM Mortar was determined to resolve the issue and M67 IPT team was tasked to improve the tightness of the CAS.

Description: After some research and studies, it was found the tightness of the CAS was affected by a few factors. M67 IPT team came up with couple of recommendations to improve the CAS. One of the suggestions requires an addition of a spacer ring on to the retaining ring (12961193). The spacer ring is needed to prevent the plungers from moving side ways. The spacer ring will be secured with a dowel pin and sealing compound. The spacer will sit next to a tritium lamp assembly (11733741) with a gap of 0.03 inches. The tritium lamp assembly consists of a plastic holder (11733735) and a tritium lamp (11733736). The tritium lamp assembly is the configuration for the M67 previously approved by NRC. There will not be any contact between the spacer and the lamp assembly. Referring to the photos:

Fig. 1 shows the present layout of the tritium lamp assembly and plungers.
Fig. 2 shows the spacer ring on the retaining ring without the tritium lamp assembly.
Fig. 3 shows both a spacer ring and the tritium lamp assembly.
Fig. 4 shows the gap between the spacer ring and the tritium lamp assembly.
Fig. 5 show the spacer ring and the dowel pins (note: the spacer ring was sectioned into two pieces for alignment purpose.)

This design change shall make no impact to the tritium lamp from the perspective of the ANSI N540 requirements, which the present M67 design previously passed. In accordance with the criteria of the ANSI N540, the sight unit is subjected to a series of tests—temperature, thermal shock, reduced pressure, impact, vibration, immersion and soak.

Temperature: The sight unit is required to operate at the temperature range of -30°C to 65°C . The thermal expansion of the spacer ring and the lamp assembly is estimated about 0.008 inches. Since there is a 0.030 inch opening between the spacer and the lamp assembly, they will not touch. No additional stress will be induced to the lamp assembly by the spacer.

Thermal Shock: Similar to temperature test, the spacer has no effect to the lamp assembly.

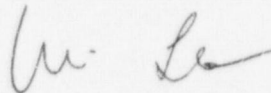
Reduced Pressure: The reduced pressure test is to test the internal structure integrity of the lamp. The presence of the spacer does not affect the lamp.

Impact: When dropping the sight unit, the probability of hitting the lamp assembly at the retaining ring is the same whether the spacer is installed or not. As a matter of fact, it has been proved in prior ANSI N540 testing that the tritium lamp is very well protected by other feature of the sight unit. Moreover, the additional mass of the spacer does not increase the G force, which is exerted on the lamp assembly.

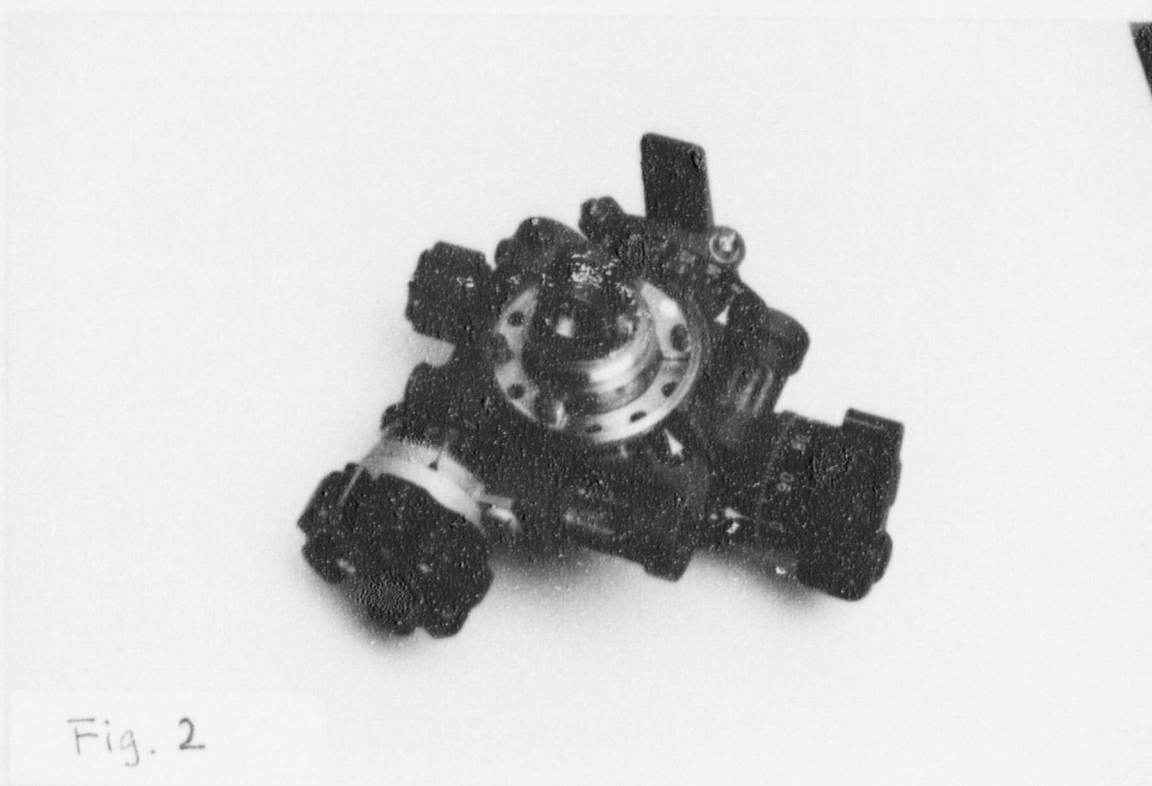
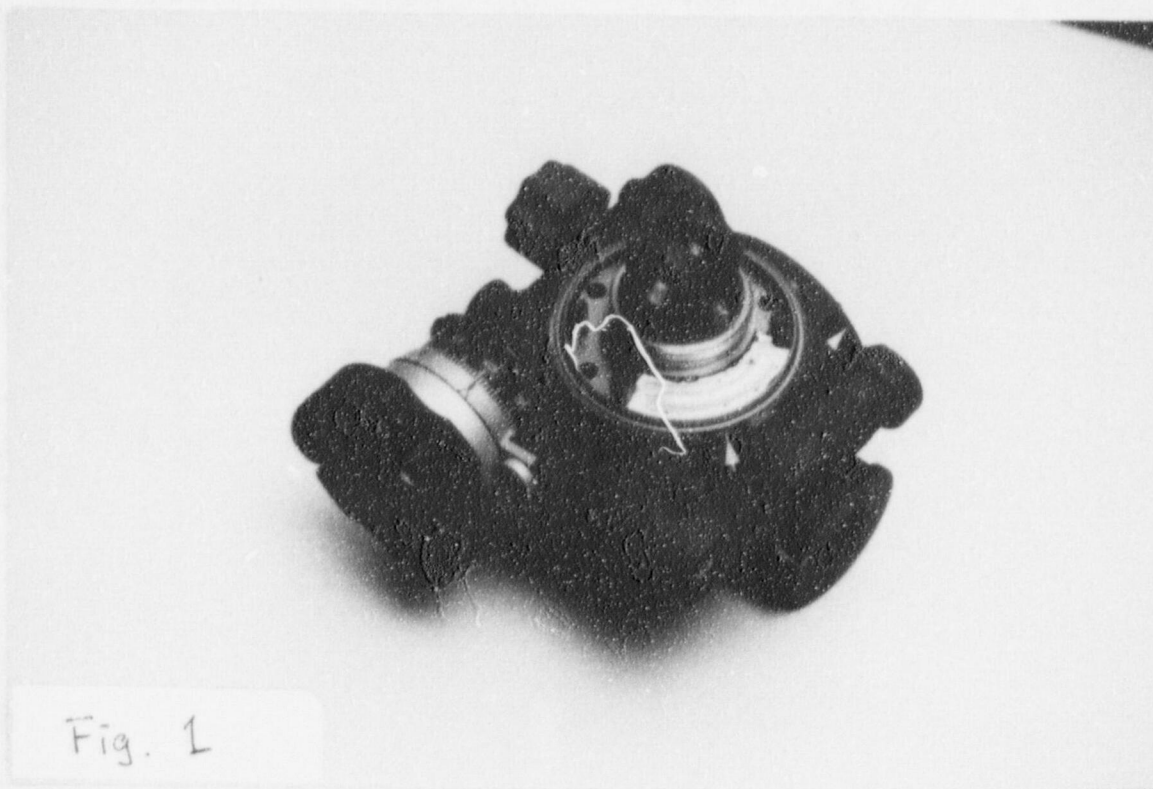
Vibration: Once the spacer is installed, it will be secured with a dowel pin and sealing compound and become stationary. In accordance with ANSI N540, frequency of 10 Hz to 55 Hz is used for the vibration test. Since the majority of the sight unit is made out of steel, the stiffness is estimated about 1×10^6 lb/in. With the addition of the spacer, the natural frequency of the sight unit is estimated about 1717 Hz. This value should not be any cause for concern to the stability of the tritium lamp.

Immersion & Soak: Since the spacer is made out of steel, there is not any water absorption. For the lamp holder, it will absorb 0.15% of water for 24 hr. soak. The increment of the size is very minimal and will not affect the tritium lamp.

Besides the ANSI N540 test, the live firing test is not required. That is because the shock from the live fire is the same. With the additional mass/weight of the spacer, the G force exerting on the sight unit will be decreased.



Wai Luk
Mechanical Engineer
FSAC



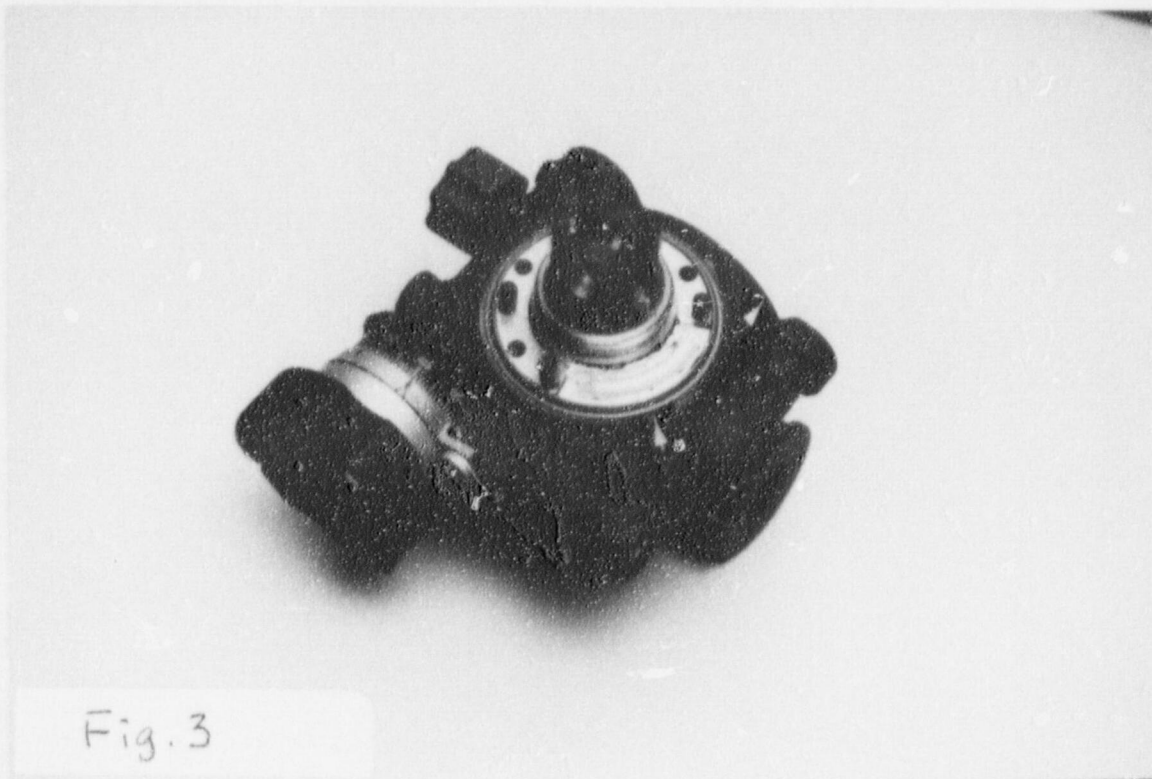


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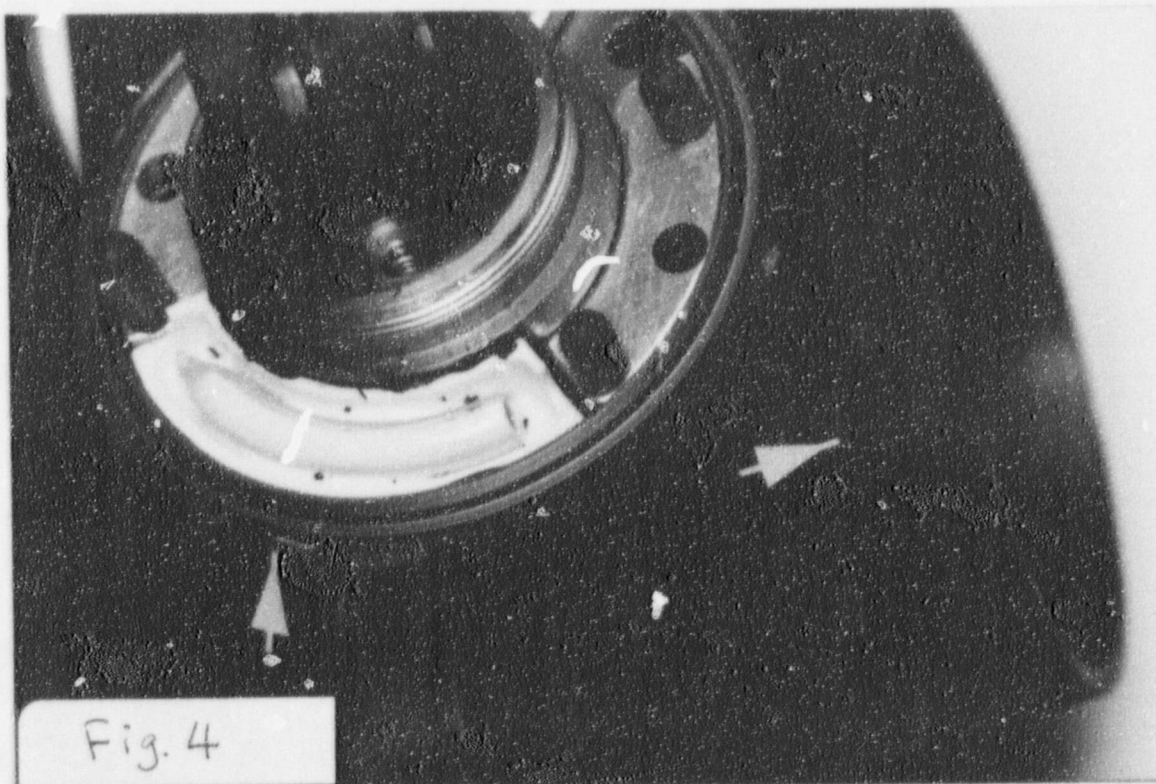
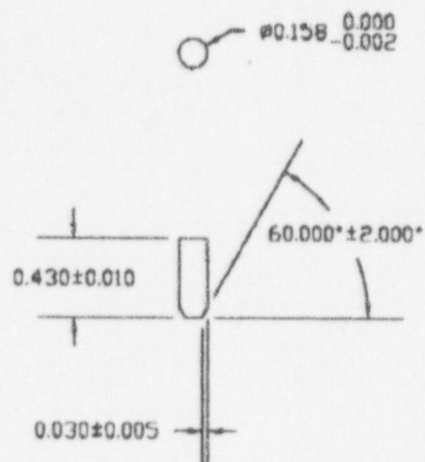


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Fig. 5

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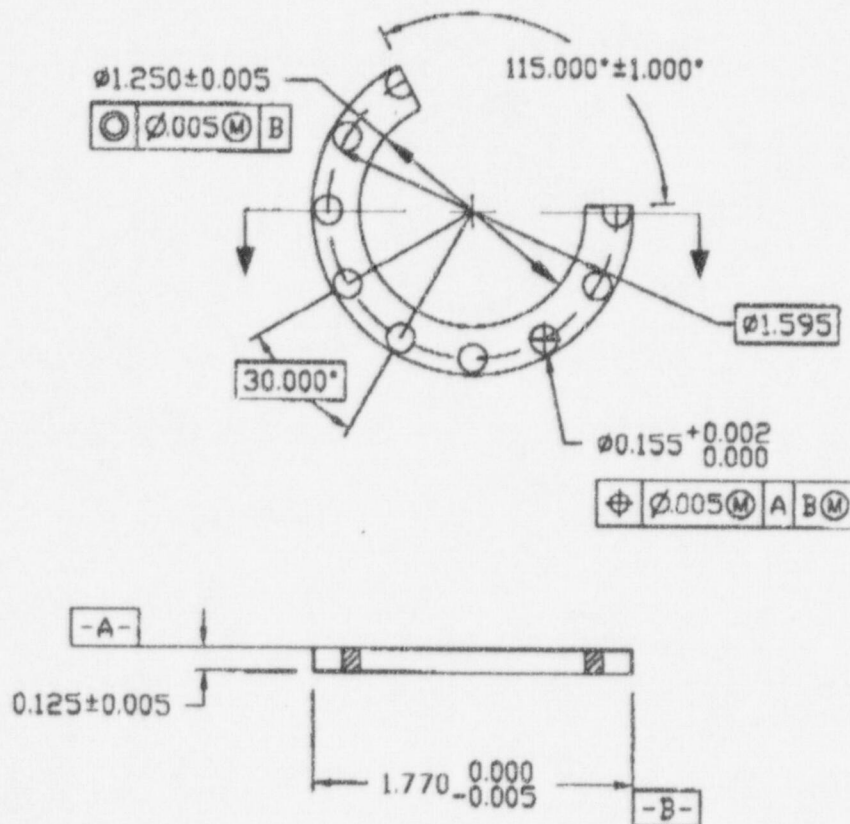
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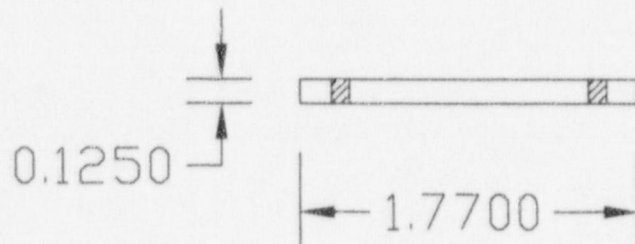
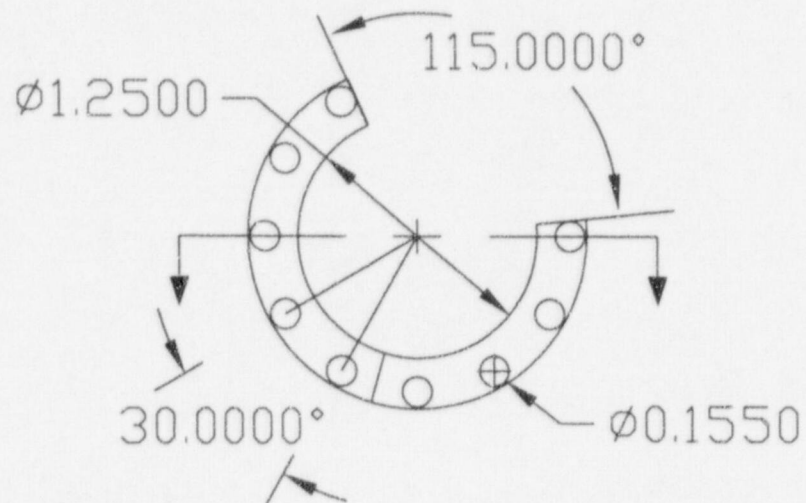
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REMARKS:

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23 March 1998

Michele Burgess,

attached are the pictures for the M67 modification package I FAX'd to you on the 10th of March. These are the pictures I recieved from the poeple who hope to make the subject change to the M67.

Give me a call if you have any questions or problems with the material. My phone number is (309) 782-6228 and my e-mail is tmohs@ria-emh2.army.mil.

Tim Mohs, RSO
ACALA Safety Office

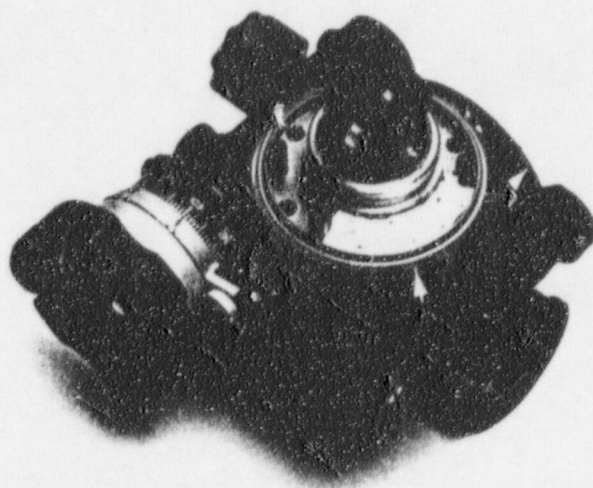


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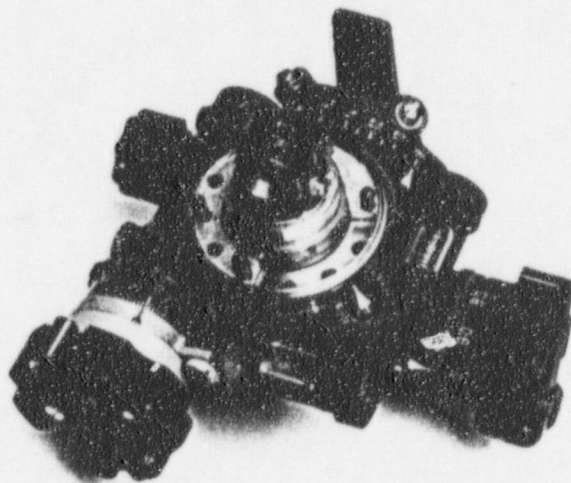


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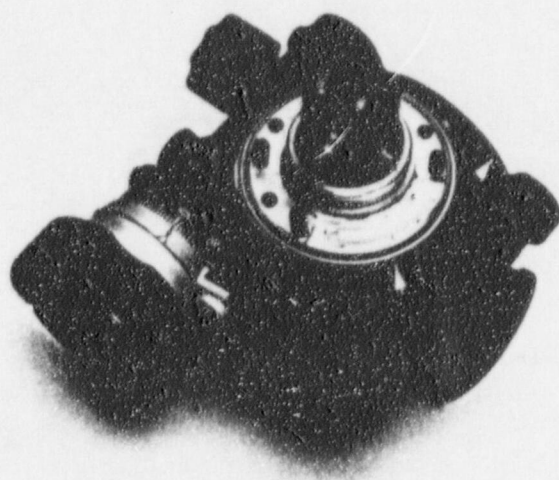


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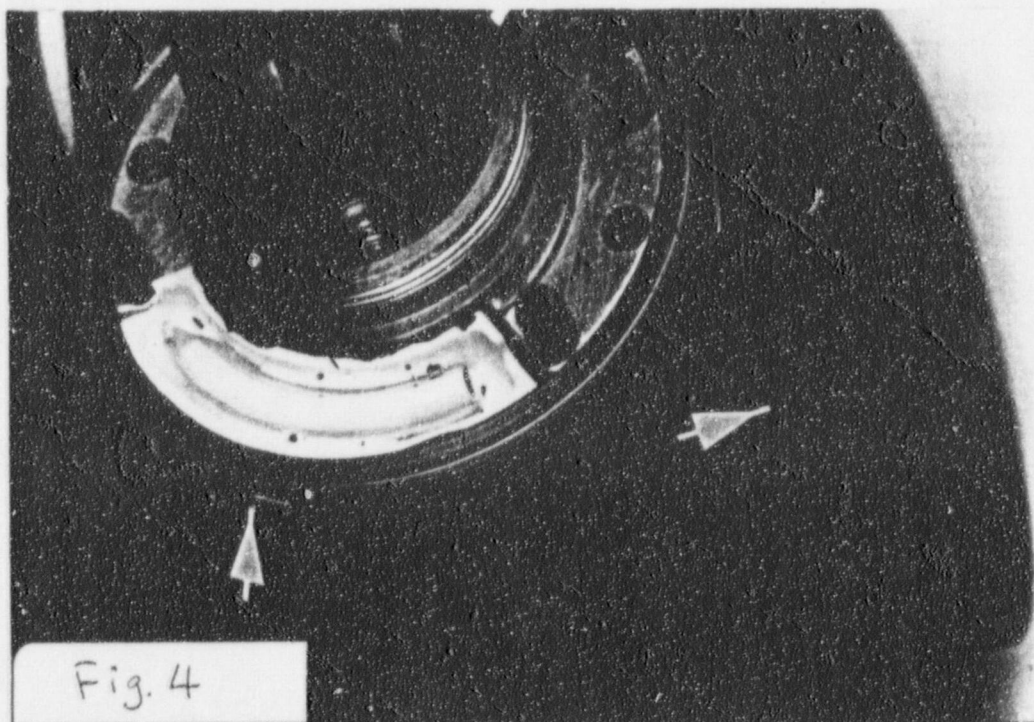
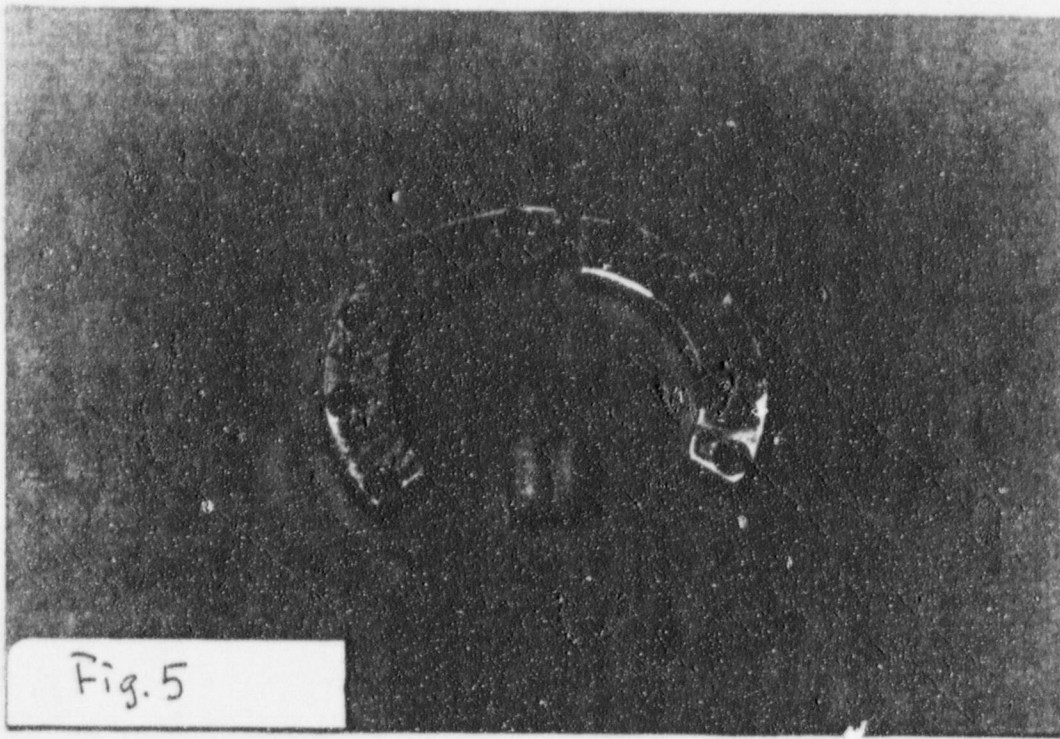


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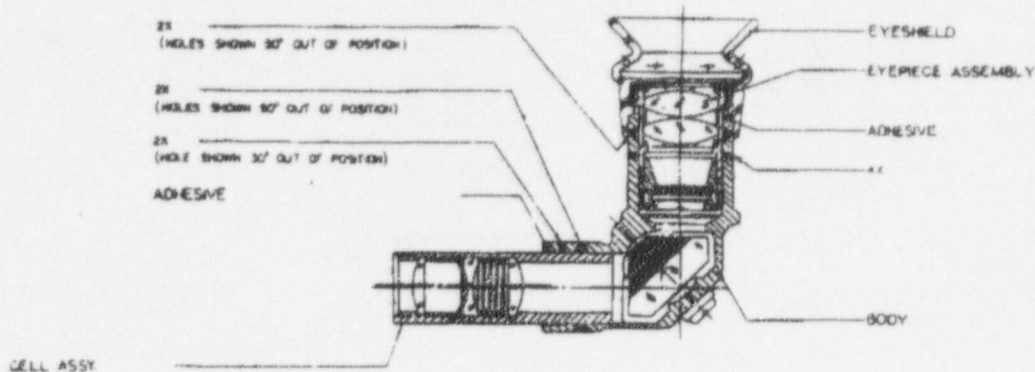
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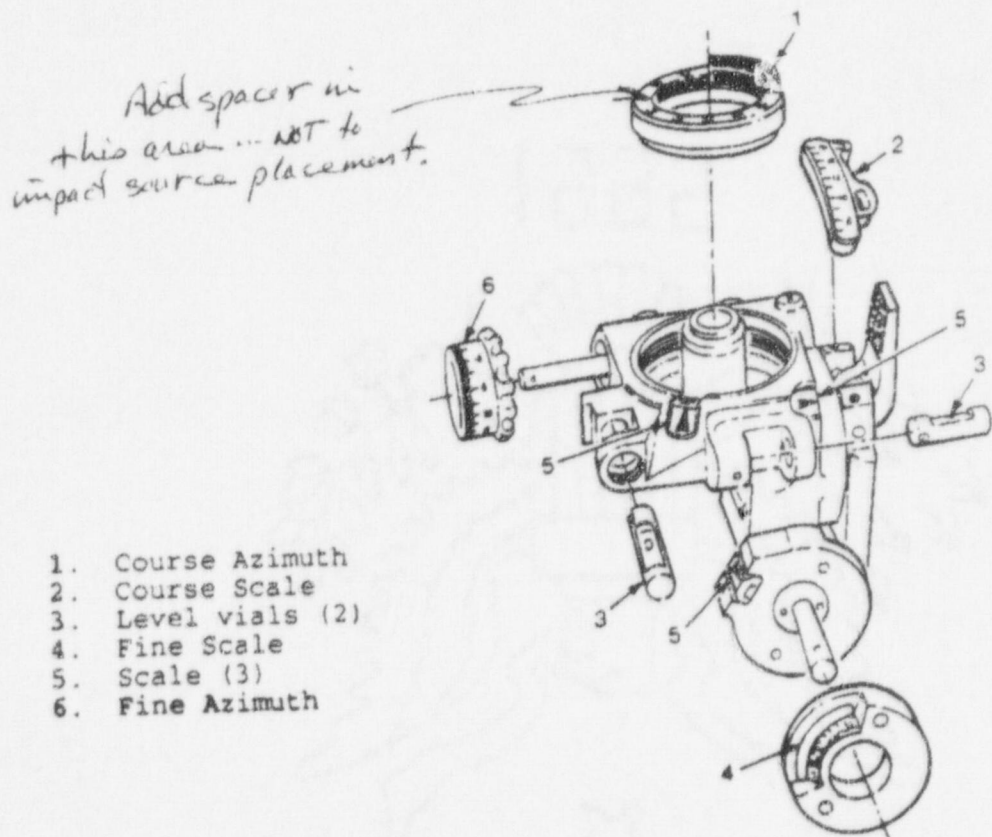
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ATTACHMENT 2



Telescope Assembly Components



Mount Assembly components



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COMMENTS

Mr. Jankovich, the 1st three attached sheets are extracted from the corrected registration of 22 August 1997. Following these two sheets are eleven (11) sheets with information regarding the proposed changes. Thanks for reviewing these. I await your read as to what needs to be provided/done to incorporate this change. Tim Mohs ACTA SAFETY WHL



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

August 22, 1997

Department of the Army
Director, ACALA
Rock Island, IL 61299-7630
ATTN: AMSTA-AC-SF, Mrs. Betty Peterson

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

It has come to our attention that the registration certificate for the Model M67 tritium illuminated mortar sight issued January 1996 and amended March 22, 1996, was incorrectly assigned number NR-0155-D-121-S. The correct number is NR-0155-D-126-S. The certificate has been reissued with the correct number and is included as an enclosure to this letter. In addition, a copy of the reissued certificate has been forwarded to our Region III office.

Please be advised that you must ensure the product is manufactured, distributed, and used in accordance with the statements and representations contained in your application, with enclosures thereto, and the information set out in your registration certificate. As a general rule, you must request and obtain an amendment to the certificate before you make changes or modifications to the information submitted to obtain the certificate.

Please read over the registration certificate in its entirety and notify us immediately of any errors or omissions. You are obligated to notify us promptly in writing should you decide to no longer distribute or use the product.

Please be aware that, as a holder of an NRC registration, you may be subject to the NRC's licensing and inspection fees in accordance with 10 CFR Part 170, and annual fees in accordance with 10 CFR Part 171. If you have any questions concerning the fee requirements, please contact the License Fee and Debt Collection Branch at (301) 415-7544.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-5847 or Mr. Steven Baggett at (301) 415-7273.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Douglas A. Broadus".

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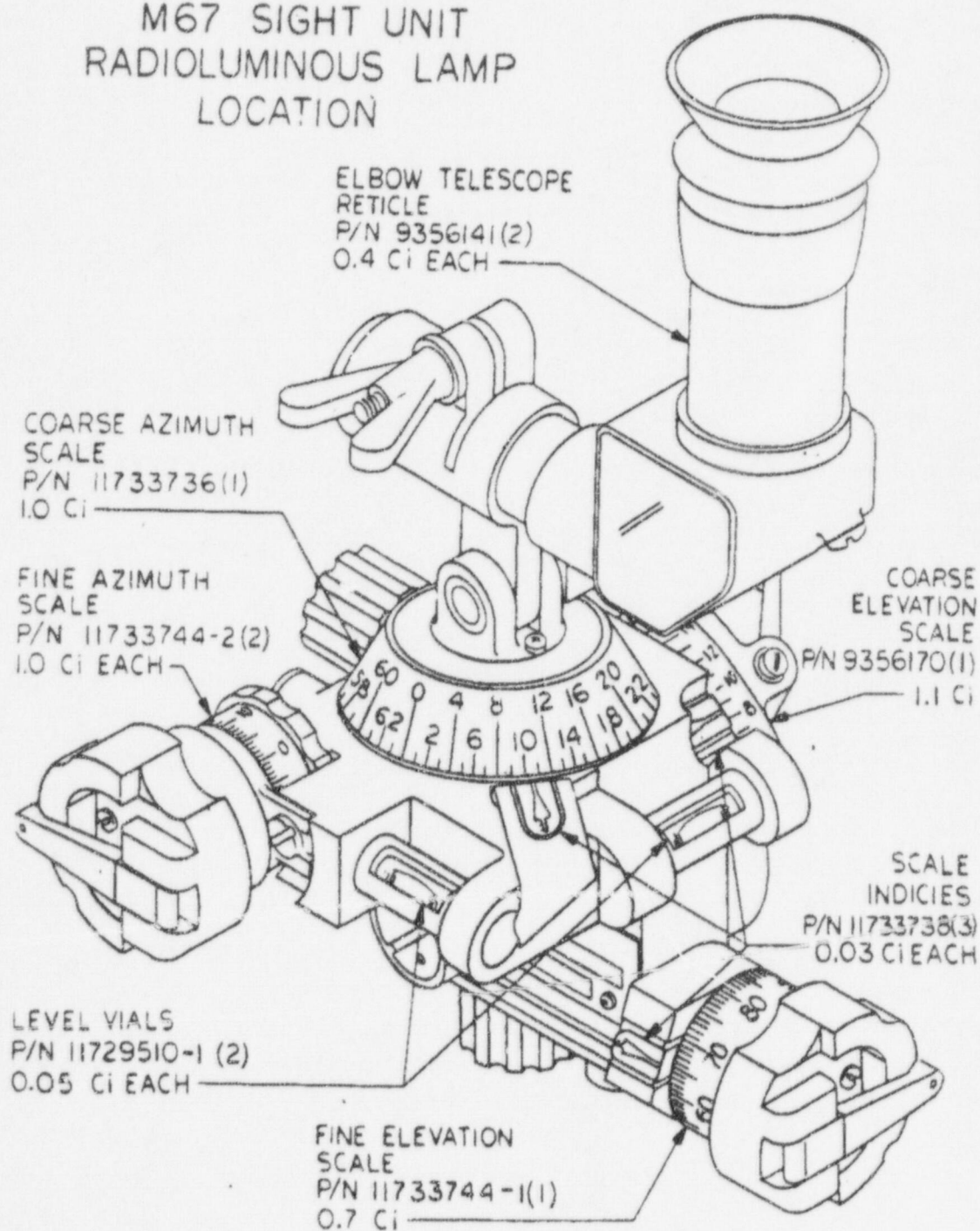
REGISTRY OF RADIOACTIVE SEALED SOURCES AND DEVICES
SAFETY EVALUATION OF DEVICE
(AMENDED IN ITS ENTIRETY)

NO.: NR-0155-D-126-S

DATE: August 20, 1997

ATTACHMENT 1

M67 SIGHT UNIT
RADIOLUMINOUS LAMP
LOCATION



TOTAL TRITIUM PER SIGHT UNIT 5.79 CURIES

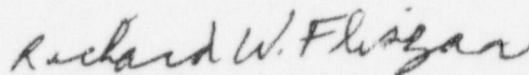
AMSTA-AR-QAW-R

20 Feb. 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U.S. Army Armament and Chemical Acquisition and Logistic Activity, ATTN: AMSTA-AC-SF (Mr. Tim Mohs), Rock Island, IL 61299-6000

SUBJECT: Proposed Design Modification to the M67 Mortar Sight Unit

1. Reference MFR, AMSTA-AR-FSF-I, 20 Feb. 1998, Course Azimuth Scale (CAS) Design Change Proposal, encl.
2. Problems presently exist in maintaining proper operation of the course azimuth scale on the M67 mortar sight unit. An engineering design change has been proposed to correct this deficiency. The referenced enclosure documents the safety assessment of the proposed change, which entails the incorporation of a metal spacer ring to that scale assembly. Based on that assessment it does not appear to this office that the proposed change will have a negative impact on maintaining the structural integrity of the tritium vial that is part of that scale. Also enclosed with the referenced MFR are appropriate drawings, as well as photos, both of the present configuration and of the proposed change, to aid you in your assessment of this matter.
3. It does not appear to this office that further ANSI N540 testing, nor additional live fire testing, will be necessary in regards to this proposed change. It is understood that the final decision in that regard is with your office. Request a decision regarding this matter be received by Mr. Wai's office NLT 10 March 1998. Should you deem it necessary to require further testing, please be specific as to what that testing would need to be, and / or if you feel it necessary to further coordinate this proposal with the NRC. This office is not sure whether the proposed modification will require a change to the registration, even if no further testing is required. Therefore, please provide that guidance also.
4. POC's, should you have any questions regarding this proposed engineering change, are Messrs. Wai Luk, DSN: 880-6925, and Richard Fliszar, DSN: 880-3126.



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AMSTA-AR-FSF-I

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Coarse Azimuth Scale (CAS) design change proposal

Objective: To improve the tightness of the CAS on the M67 Sight Unit

Background: During a regular maintenance inspection of M67 Sight Unit, couples of CAS were found loose at Ft. Benning. ARDEC quickly replaced the defected sight units. Since then, the tightness of the CAS has become a concern to the users. PM Mortar was determined to resolve the issue and M67 IPT team was tasked to improve the tightness of the CAS.

Description: After some research and studies, it was found the tightness of the CAS was affected by a few factors. M67 IPT team came up with couple of recommendations to improve the CAS. One of the suggestions requires an addition of a spacer ring on to the retaining ring (12961193). The spacer ring is needed to prevent the plungers from moving side ways. The spacer ring will be secured with a dowel pin and sealing compound. The spacer will sit next to a tritium lamp assembly (11733741) with a gap of 0.03 inches. The tritium lamp assembly consists of a plastic holder (11733735) and a tritium lamp (11733736). The tritium lamp assembly is the configuration for the M67 previously approved by NRC. There will not be any contact between the spacer and the lamp assembly. Referring to the photos:

Fig. 1 shows the present layout of the tritium lamp assembly and plungers.
Fig. 2 shows the spacer ring on the retaining ring without the tritium lamp assembly.
Fig. 3 shows both a spacer ring and the tritium lamp assembly.
Fig. 4 shows the gap between the spacer ring and the tritium lamp assembly.
Fig. 5 show the spacer ring and the dowel pins (note: the spacer ring was sectioned into two pieces for alignment purpose.)

This design change shall make no impact to the tritium lamp from the perspective of the ANSI N540 requirements, which the present M67 design previously passed. In accordance with the criteria of the ANSI N540, the sight unit is subjected to a series of tests—temperature, thermal shock, reduced pressure, impact, vibration, immersion and soak.

Temperature: The sight unit is required to operate at the temperature range of -30°C to 65°C . The thermal expansion of the spacer ring and the lamp assembly is estimated about 0.008 inches. Since there is a 0.030 inch opening between the spacer and the lamp assembly, they will not touch. No additional stress will be induced to the lamp assembly by the spacer.

Thermal Shock: Similar to temperature test, the spacer has no effect to the lamp assembly.

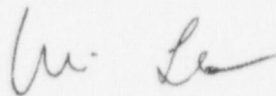
Reduced Pressure: The reduced pressure test is to test the internal structure integrity of the lamp. The presence of the spacer does not affect the lamp.

Impact: When dropping the sight unit, the probability of hitting the lamp assembly at the retaining ring is the same whether the spacer is installed or not. As a matter of fact, it has been proved in prior ANSI N540 testing that the tritium lamp is very well protected by other feature of the sight unit. Moreover, the additional mass of the spacer does not increase the G force, which is exerted on the lamp assembly.

Vibration: Once the spacer is installed, it will be secured with a dowel pin and sealing compound and become stationary. In accordance with ANSI N540, frequency of 10 Hz to 55 Hz is used for the vibration test. Since the majority of the sight unit is made out of steel, the stiffness is estimated about 1×10^6 lb/in. With the addition of the spacer, the natural frequency of the sight unit is estimated about 1717 Hz. This value should not be any cause for concern to the stability of the tritium lamp.

Immersion & Soak: Since the spacer is made out of steel, there is not any water absorption. For the lamp holder, it will absorb 0.15% of water for 24 hr. soak. The increment of the size is very minimal and will not affect the tritium lamp.

Besides the ANSI N540 test, the live firing test is not required. That is because the shock from the live fire is the same. With the additional mass/weight of the spacer, the G force exerting on the sight unit will be decreased.



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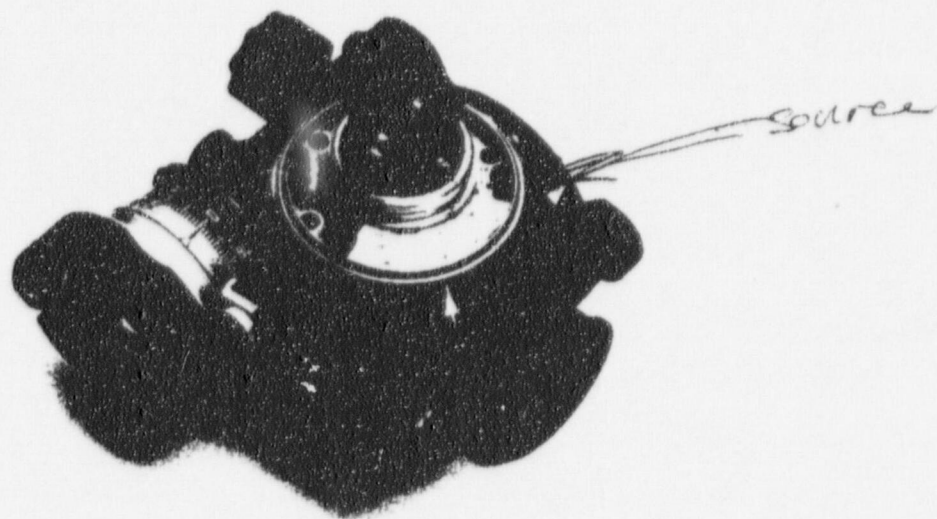


Fig. 1

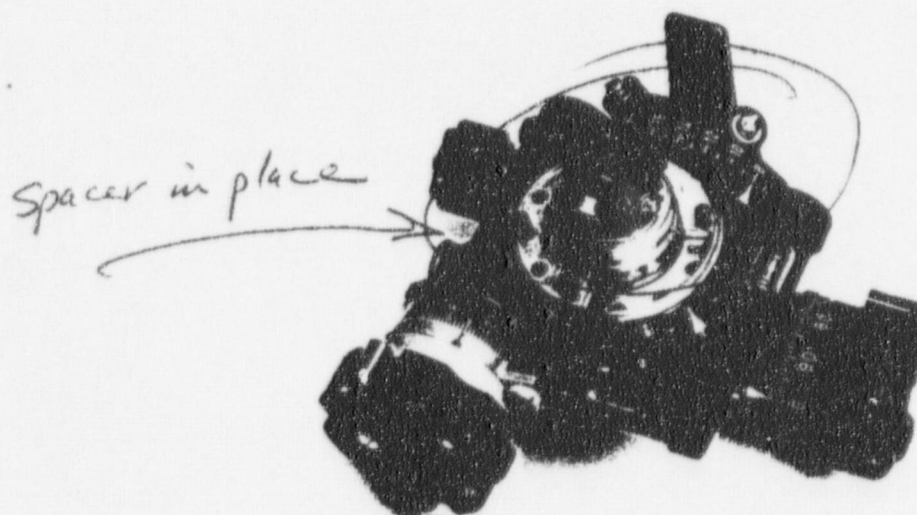


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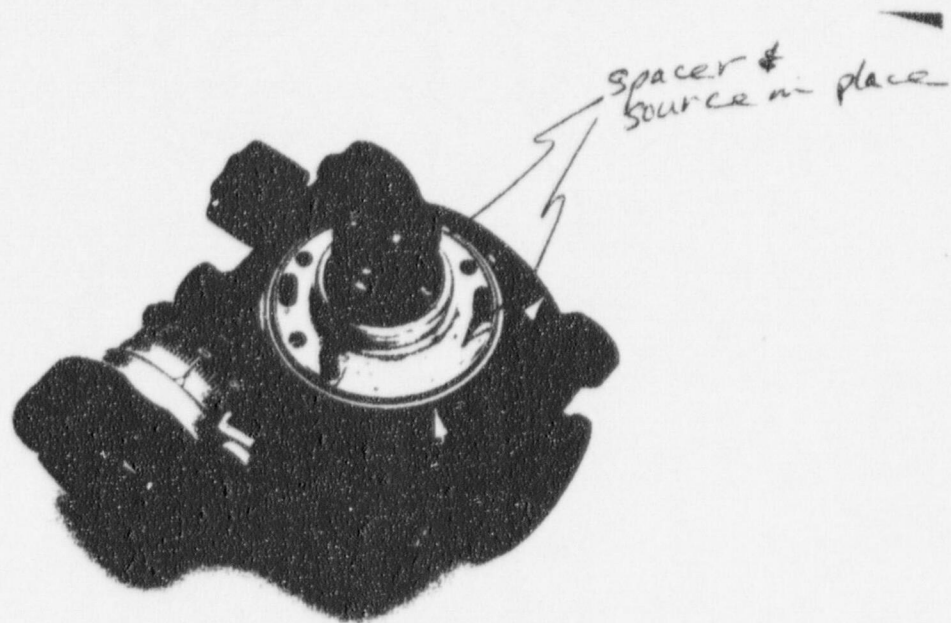


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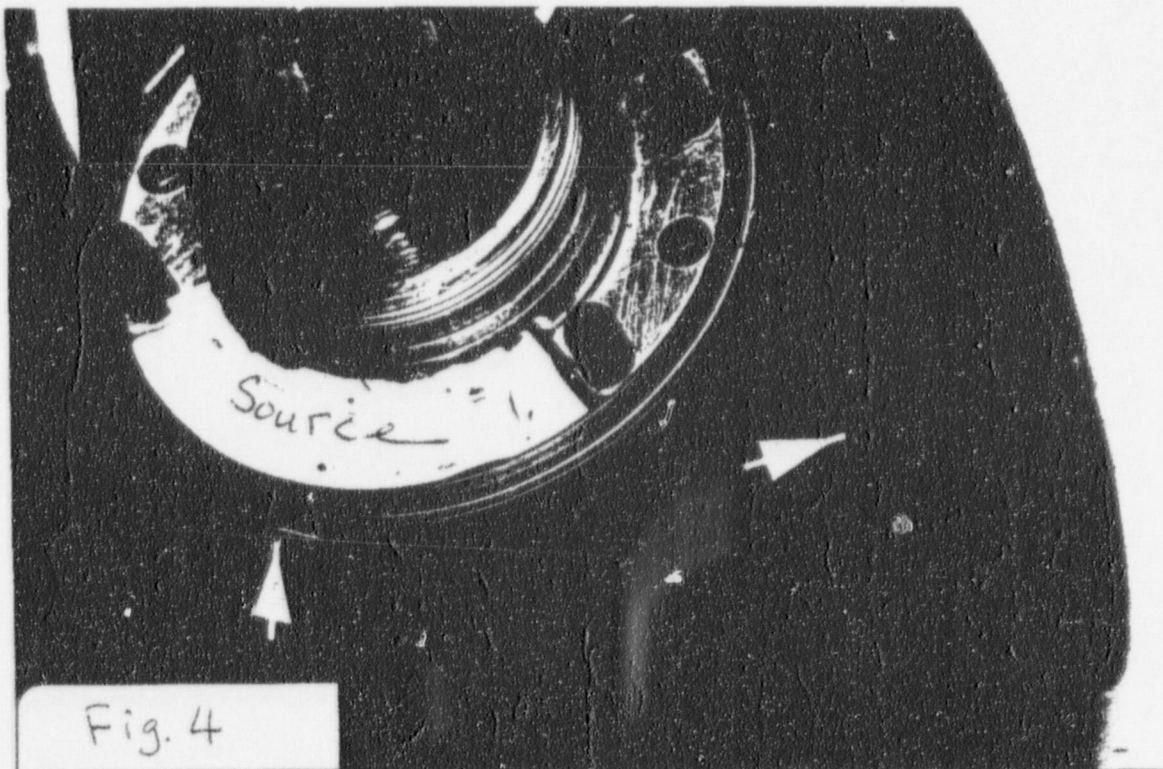


Fig. 4

(New Spacer)

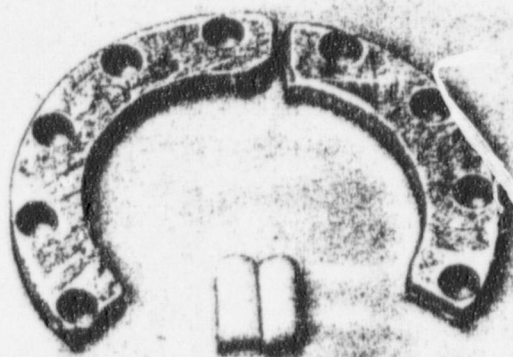
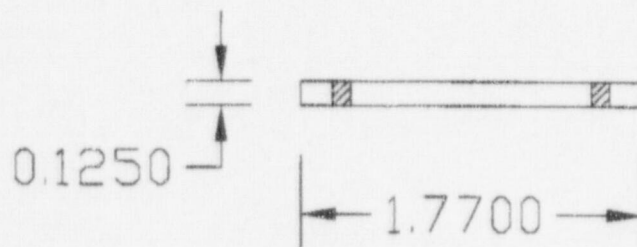
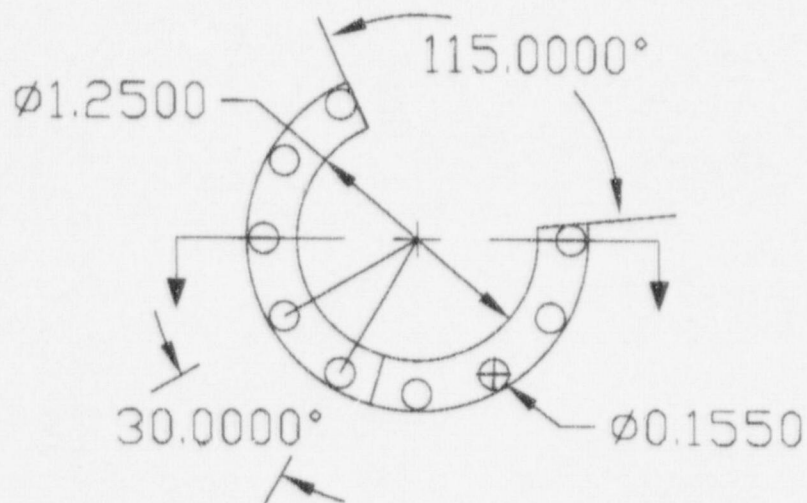


Fig. 5

REVISIONS				
ZONE	REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE	APPROVED



SS 200 Series

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		SPACER RING		
		SIZE A	FORM NO.	DWG NO.
		SCALE	SHEET	
		REV		

