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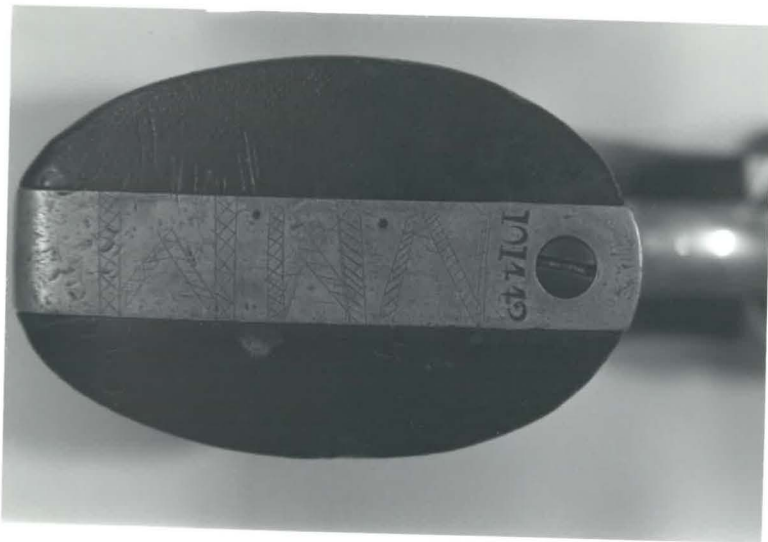
Dear Mr. Reynolds

Enclosed for your use are several snapshots of the marking on the Colt M1851 with COC&PP markings. I still haven't heard any reply from Colt, although I found an individual, thru a friend of mine, who can get fairly prompt action on such requests for his own purposes. I'll see if I can work it thru him to see if their factory records have any information relating this gun to the COC&PP firm. There really is no excuse for a delay of five months in getting a reply to me letter to Colt, particularly in view of their 250% hike in their fee for such research service. Colt has inaugurated a new dealer policy "Colt Cares," but it has become obvious to me just what Colt does care about and it certainly isn't the Colt collector. As the former co-owner of a retail gun store, I can vouch for the fact that on more than one occasion customers purchased Colt handguns in preference to S&W, for example, largely on the basis of tradition. Too bad Colt doesn't seem to appreciate this fact.

If you would like to have any 8x10 photos of the COC&PP-marked gun, please let me know and I'll get some made up at no cost to you. I'll eventually do so for use in the book which I'm co-authoring, but I had intended to wait until I got a reply from Colt. Please don't hesitate to ask for prints if larger ones would be of use to you; too bad I can't vouch for the gun's authenticity at this point, however.

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