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Jordan

Dear Sylvia,

Here's a lovely little man. He didn't even need to mention James' name in the last 9, for his tone of righteous indignation combined with a whiff of ressentiment already showed an immediate affinity.

He does claim to have observed CE 577 and to have noted a dented tip on one of the cases. I don't recollect any such dent from my own look at the cases two years ago, but it's very possible I could have missed it. But what eludes me is the world-stopping significance of this "find." 557A could have been dented in a number of ways. He says "tests" he performed produced such dents in two ways: (1) some of his cases were dented on their tips as a natural part of the ejection process (2) Others were dented when "dry-loaded" in the chamber. I can't confirm his results; some of about 20 cases that I ejected from my two Carraras had dented tips. So I'm a bit bewildered by why this is so significant and why he feels I would have doubtfully conceded the fact. The actual thing remains the look of a chambering mark on 543 and its presence on all the other cases.

Nevertheless, since I have no reason to doubt the veracity of his observation I thought you'd like to know about it.

Damn, but little ever ble the guys in a pair in the ass.

Love,
Tom