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Tractor Update & Audit Program

We have made a decision to update all early production tractors and mowers to current standards. This work is to be done by dealers under the program described below. This program will also include an audit inspection and report for which you will be paid on a warranty labor basis. There are three key parts to this program:

1. Brake

Some early E-15 tractors were found to have permitted brake assemblies with a pedal which leaned "backwards". Modifications in production were made to prevent this and also to improve the operation of the brake. These factory modifications have been made to tractors having serial number beginning with "G" or later in the alphabet. Tractors listed on the attached check sheet, which were delivered to you, should be inspected for the following features of the brake:

- a) Three Belleville washers (spring type) located under the castle nut which is used to adjust the brake caliper. If not present, add. Add plastic insert stop nut.
- b) Brake pedal position forward of center in direction of application. If not, add longer brake rod.
- c) Proper adjustment of brake and the motor cut out switch actuated by the brake. If not re-adjust.
- d) If any problem is found with a brake caliper unit, replace it and check a) thru c).

2. Mower

Each mower should be equipped with a rear roller, and a mower guide bar should be installed on each tractor for which a mower has been sold. Every rear discharge mower should have the grass deflector flap checked and correctly sized for the rear roller. The flap should be 4-5/8 inches total length, including under the strip. Some flaps were longer, and should be cut to the correct length. If the flap is torn, cut or missing, replace it from your stock of parts.

The epoxy bonding of mower motors described in my letter of September 30, 1970 (copy attached) should be completed on all units described in that letter.

NOTE: There are more mowers to modify than brakes to check.

3. Audit

We want to use this opportunity to inspect the results of the first year's use of tractors, and ask you to report findings in several areas of interest:



