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Ed:

I want to thank you for the TS-Aligner. You can't imagine my surprise when it arrived. I had ordered several thousand dollars worth of parts for a big job coming up and your package was mixed in among the pile. When I was sorting as to manufacturer, I saw your label and stopped. I thought for sure that one of the manufacturer's had used one of your boxes for repackaging but that didn't really wash because the label was too neat. I opened it first and discovered that the source was authentic.

Your letter brings delightful news. I had been wondering what new chapters were unfolding in your legal drama. Self-defense has always had its cost, true, but it looks like you will no longer have to fend off assault from that corner. It looks to me that if they took you to court, not only would they have an indefensible position, but legal action may occur because the patent was fraudulently obtained. Now you might even be in a position to tweak their string a little. I suspect that the Ames people are a little miffed at the guy that sold them that patent.

I was really impressed with the packaging of your Aligner jig. Opening the case and peering inside was a pleasure. The ground steel surfaces and black background seemed to quietly reek of precision and quality. It shows a touch of respect the maker offers his product that would give any buyer confidence.

Currently, I am gathering stuff together for an article on setting planer knives. I recently did something on setting jointer knives. Wouldn't it be neat if the TS-Aligner had included several simple aluminum bases using the original dial indicator for such tasks. I can see already that by removing the bearings on the bottom of the plate and hanging the dial indicator over the side, one could use the TS-Aligner for setting jointer knives. About all that would be needed would be a button tip. Mitutoyo makes both a DIN thread tip and an AGD thread tip - whichever fits the indicators that you use.

*Good luck in the upcoming year*

*Bob Vaughan*