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Subject: Re: The caliber 98

Posted by [JackW](#) on Fri, 19 Jul 2013 23:02:33 GMT

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BARRY!!!

How are you? I offer as my supporting evidence that patent #51482 is stamped clearly on the movement. This is registered to Fontainemelon. The other non-Gruen watches that have been posted on the interwebs with this same patent number use a range of variants on the patent. Different companies and slight variations on the over-all setting design. It was speculated that Gruen was simply using the patents, paying royalties for it likely. Possible but why would Gruen do such a thing, given that Gruen had their own designs and tooling to create in-house movements. Hence, I think the simpler explanation is that this was an ebauche from Font and finished for or by Gruen.

Quote:The other Fontainemelon movement used by Gruen, the 885, is clearly marked, with their trademark, why not this one? not all of the known ebauche movements are marked. We've seen examples of where marking have been removed or etched-out. Lack of a marking is not evidence one way or the other.

Peace!

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