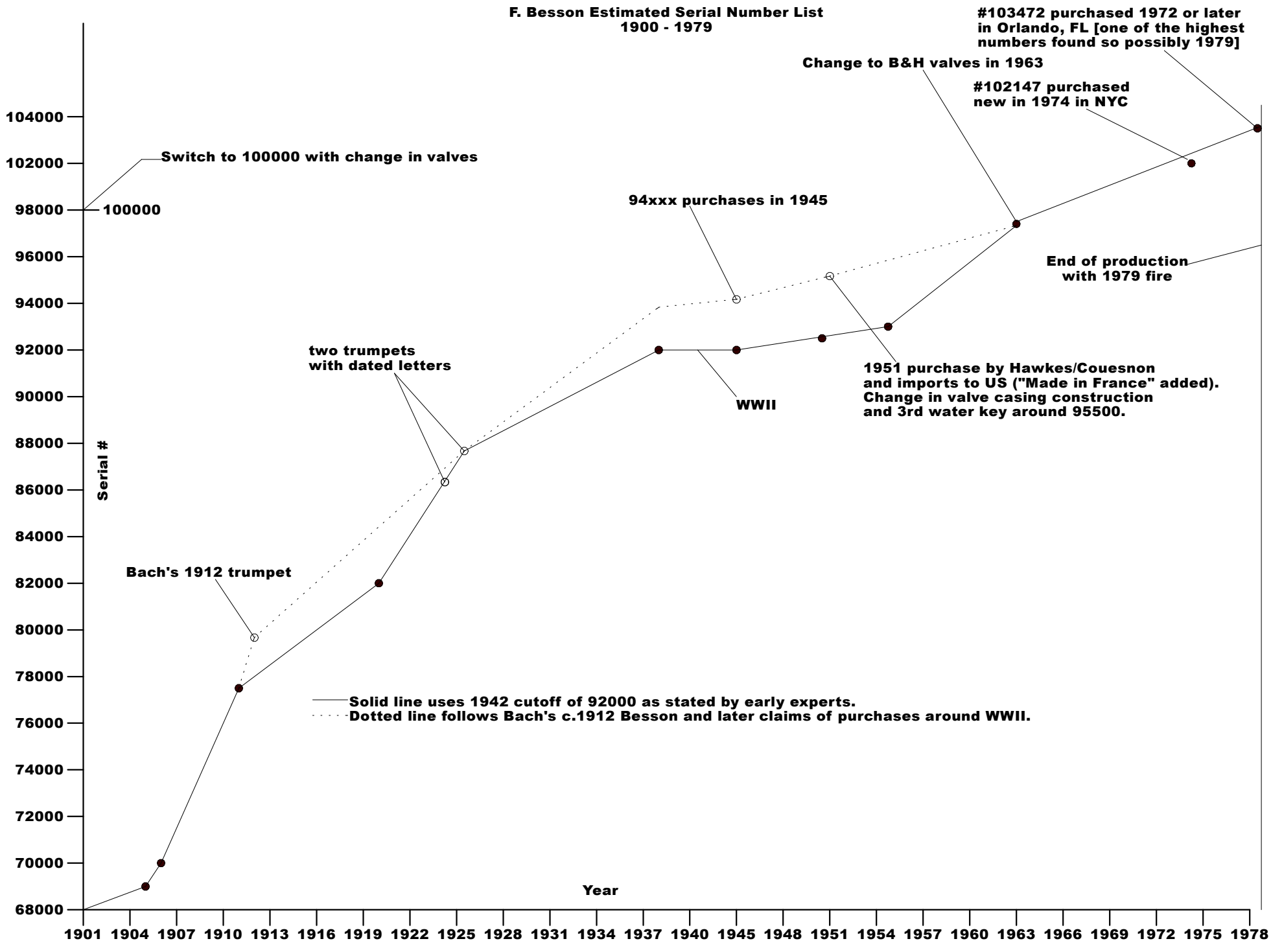
F. Besson Estimated Serial Number List
1900 - 1979
#103472 purchased 1972 or later in Orlando, FL [one of the highest numbers found so possibly 1979]
Change to B&H valves in 1963
#102147 purchased new in 1974 in NYC
Switch to 100000 with change in valves
100000
94xxx purchases in 1945
End of production with 1979 fire
two trumpets with dated letters
WWII
1951 purchase by Hawkes/Couesnon and imports to US ("Made in France" added). Change in valve casing construction and 3rd water key around 95500.
Bach's 1912 trumpet
Solid line uses 1942 cutoff of 92000 as stated by early experts.
Dotted line follows Bach's c.1912 Besson and later claims of purchases around WWII.
Serial #
Year
104000
102000
98000
96000
94000
92000
90000
88000
86000
84000
82000
80000
78000
76000
74000
72000
70000
68000
1901 1904 1907 1910 1913 1916 1919 1922 1925 1928 1931 1934 1937 1940 1945 1948 1951 1954 1957 1960 1963 1966 1969 1972 1975 1978