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MODEL 700 - 25/06 GUN AND CARTRIDGE DEVELOPMENT MEETING

JUNE 12, 1969

ATTENDING:

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The purpose of the meeting was to resolve problems that concerned the January 2, 1970 announcement of the 25/06 caliber Model 700 gun and cartridge combination.

The development of the cartridge with acceptable bullet weights will require more development and test work than anticipated. After considerable discussion it was understood and agreed that it would not be possible for Bridgeport R & D and Bridgeport production to have product available for January 1970 announcement. Work will proceed towards a possible mid year 1970 announcement date.

The Model 40XB, during the interim, will be chambered for the 25/06 Remington caliber in the hopes that it will hold the caliber and cartridge design for Remington. For the record, the 25/06 was defined as a combination hunting and varmint caliber. Two bullet weights are to be offered and tentatively we lean toward the following:

87 to a 100 grain bullet that will produce good accuracy and velocity for the varminter

117 to 120 grain bullet for hunting that will produce a minimum velocity of 3100 fps.

The shoulder angle of the case was discussed for the purpose of giving better ballistics and a more modern appearance.

The rifle is to be made with a twist of 1 turn in 10" or whatever is needed to stabilize the bullet weights that hand loaders will use.

R & D will study bullet weight, cartridge shoulder angles and rifle twist and make appropriate recommendations to Marketing for approval.

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