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M/40XB IMPROVEMENTS

Costs and economics are being obtained on the proposed versions of the M/40XB for presentation to the Operations Committee. This will include a standard rifle in .22 Rim Fire, a variation of the standard rifle in .308 for 30 caliber match, and a Hunter Class bench rest rifle.

M/700 IMPROVEMENTS

Marketing's request for improvements to appearance and function is being answered with work on a new lower cost recoil pad for magnums which eliminates the ventilated sections in the pad, photo engraving of the floor plate, an anti-bind device for the bolt, and a shrouded bolt head. The firing pin assembly has also been redesigned for faster lock time. Suggestions have also been made that the BDL checkering be changed in order to get quality as good as the ADL. Patterns will be submitted.