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TO: T. L. Capeletti
FROM: F. E. Martin
SUBJECT: Suggestion - G. H. Lee

I have numbered each paragraph of this letter. Responses will be directed to specific numbers.

- #1 - The M/600 - 660 carbines, were not, intended for overall popularity; instead its calibers and design lent its uses to horseback and heavy timber.
- #2 - We, at Remington, know the reason for the M/600 - 660 failure.
- #3 - M/94 Winchester and Marlin 336 are popular because of price. The .30 - 30 cartridge with its 170 grain flat nose bullet is considered by most to be totally inadequate unless used by an experienced hunter and shooter.

The M/788 bolt action rifle was originally offered in .30 - 30 Win from 1967 to 1973 along with .44 Rem. Mag. It was not a big success.

- #4 - I feel carbine barrels should be shorter $16\frac{1}{4}$ " - 18".

Individual recoil absorbtion is a function of stock design. I found the M/660 .350 Rem. Mag. more pleasant to shoot than a M/700 chambered for the same caliber.

On muzzle blast, "to each his own".

- #5 - I feel that by using a cartridge of this configuration and not redesigning the bolt head would cause a great deal of extraction problems.

Remington has a whole family of cartridges based on this case .25 Rem., .30 Rem., .32 Rem., and .35 Rem. The 6mm and .243 Win. account for the good share of deer sized game taken every year.

- #6 - The 6.5 Rem. Mag. and .350 Rem. Mag., in my estimation, have bad reputations because of the gun - cartridge combination. The use of the short action required that the bullet be seated deep enough to feed. By doing this, optimum velocity and bullet performance were never realized.

- #7 - See #5

- #8 - Not everybody hunts turkey.

- #9 - No comment

- #10 - Mannlicher stocks tend to defeat the purpose of a carbine by adding weight.

- #11 - No comment

- #12 - No comment

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