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I would like to pass along some conversation from our lunch table with a couple members of the Government team - specifically, Dr. Jim Young and Lt. Col. Myerchin.

The conversation centered on the Colonel's comment that the Military is very much interested in developing a new firearms system, and he mentioned the caseless style might be the answer. He also went on to say that as far as military crews in planes, tanks or wherever, their opinion is that a sidearm has become obsolete and of little value.


He continued that a small firearm - something larger than a handgun and smaller than a carbine rifle - might be the ticket they are looking for. He seemed to be probing for the possibility of Remington considering such a design or concept and presenting it to the Military as a proposal. Discussion from other Remington members at our table (Jerry Ehrens, Tom Rawson, Don Condon, you and the writer) indicated to the Colonel we have some difficulty in allocating Remington resources to draw up a concept that may or may not be acceptable in terms of leading to a contract from which to justify our investment in time and talent.

In the course of our conversation we suggested to Colonel Myerchin that our Lake City facility might be a good middle-ground for a development project. The plant facilities being Government owned, with floor space available and access to Remington expertise as well as Du Pont engineering (both mechanical and chemical), that this might be a vehicle to accomplish the desires of the Military. The Colonel did not warm up to this suggestion. He didn't believe the normal approach could include funding at Lake City for such efforts. He mentioned the M-16 was developed from the M-14 as an upgraded design by private industry and proposed to the Government.

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Given overnight to think about the Colonel's comment concerning a larger-than-handgun/smaller-than-rifle firearm, it occurs to me our XP-100 is a rare combination of rifle barrel, rifle bolt, rifle receiver, yet is perceived to be a handgun. Further thoughts lead me to suggest we might design a gas system for the XP-100, add a 30- or 50-round clip for a small caliber alignment, all enclosed in a nylon stock for durability and enhanced operational characteristics. It just might be worth studying (in a very limited way) for practicality. If this happened to be what the Army is looking for, the volume numbers would be significant.

I'm not sure this conversation was of any value, but thought it might be worth passing along.


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