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In anticipating the development of the above item suggestion has been made that we consider the possibility of offering this rifle either with or without sights.

After doing some checking, as far as we can determine about 80% of the N/721-722 shooters are using scopes exclusively. Many of these would prefer not to have the sights; in fact, some complain that they interfere with their low mounted scopes.

In addition to the advantage of reducing the cost on items which would not be used it also offers a further advantage to us in the way of improvement of accuracy. Over the years it has been proven that in the operation of braxing on front sight ramps, unless the process is very closely controlled, it results in a "bell mouth" condition that is detrimental to accuracy.

The only objection I can see is that it may be further undesirable from standpoint of manufacturing inventory if have to carry two different types of barrels. At any rate, we would like to obtain Sales reaction on this before going further.

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