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To H. J. WATERMAN
FROM W. E. LEEK *M*

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I have a recent letter from Les Bowman and will tell you what he says in one of the paragraphs. "The 6 x 47 is very accurate. We have taken so many deer with it that I'm ashamed to say the number, but most head shot or lungs, and we do limit the shooting to a max. of 200 yds.. The little Weatherby .224 case with its 37.5 grain water capacity as against the 6 x 47's 29.5 grain ought to do a lot better. In fact, I am amazed at what tight (quite hot but no case sticking) loads do in it with 52 grain handmade bullets. I got 3869 FPS uncorrected yesterday at 32 above. Correct that and you have near 4,000 at the muzzle."

Harold, this sounds good to me. Mike has indicated extreme accuracy in some of the matches with the 6 x 47. I know we have a model or two being prepared into prototypes. I suggest we take a look at this combination with perhaps more enthusiasm on my part and yours, and also let's investigate that Weatherby .224 case which is on my desk. I feel that we might be able to obtain the same thing without using the magnum case, and perhaps can equal the accuracy and velocity that might be obtained.

Please see me on this.

Also, Les seems to be interested in doing some experimental work with the .224 and would like to conduct his tests in the Model 600 barreled for 5 mm, which I believe he has now, with one he had barreled by a custom group. I know I asked you to check to see whether the Weatherby case would fit into the 222 bolt and your measurements indicated it would not. What do you think would be involved in making up a bolt that would accommodate this case? And if it is possible perhaps we can supply Les because he can do a lot of experimental work for us.

Please see me also on this one.

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