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The two Remington Model 700 custom made rifles in 7 mm. Remington caliber arrived today. Believe me, I am tickled pink and I think Remington are so far ahead of comparable weapons that there is no comparison. For the tough, there are very fine rifles and few custom rifles are their equal. Even fewer are their superior. The rifles are genuinely elegant. I have not shot either yet but I am sure they will perform very well indeed. I am going to take one of them on an elk hunt in Wyoming this fall and likewise take it along with me to India in February.

As you doubtless know, I used a Model 700 in 7 mm. magnum caliber in both Mozambique and Angola in 1962. I had a lot of luck with it. As you may remember, I wrote up the performance in Outdoor Life. I did all of my shooting in Africa with Remington factory loads. I cannot remember anything right now that I shot at that I did not kill with one shot. However, it was my distinct impression that I got somewhat quicker kills with the 160-gr. bullet than with the 175-gr. because the 175-gr. bullet was a bit slow in expanding and usually went clear on through. Has any consideration been given to loading a 160-gr. bullet for the 7 mm. magnum? It strikes me that this is probably the best all-around bullet.

Anyway, let me congratulate you on turning out a very fine and elegant rifle. It is one which I am convinced is going to sell very well and which I, myself, much prefer to any other rifle in its price class.

My best wishes,

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