MONTHLY REPORT ITEMS - APRIL 1988 (Fred Martin and Dick Jackson)

1) NEW BOLT ACTION RIFLE:

- * Receiver configuration has been changed to essentially that of M/700 to provide for necessary strength.
- * Barrel configurations (those currently used by our Custom Shop) will be submitted to ultimate strength testing by mid-May 1988:
 - --> two .30-06 M/700 with plugged bores
 - --> two .300 Win. Mag. M/700 with plugged bores.
- * Have begun work with H & P Die and Stamping Co. to develop a revised magazine box. We have come to agreement on the schedule for this work during a meeting on 4/21/88 at Remington. First prototypes are to be delivered to Ilion by the last week in August 1988.
- * The following parts will be cast upon the waters of that great sea of vendors for price quotations during May 1988:
 - trigger guard
- magazine release
- magazine follower magazine spring.
- * Brennan barrel technology:
 - --> Hired gun from D.C.Brennan Firearms confirmed our findings that no significant difference existed between free-floated Brennan rifles and standard M/700 free-floated rifles with respect to accuracy.

- --> We still need to schedule a revised test in which Brennan vs. Remington is compared when both are shot from std. Remington stocks with front pressure pads. It is planned that this test be conducted from the Gallery's test jacks.
- 2) M/700 CLASSIC .300 WEATHERBY MAGNUM:
 - * No change.
- 3) OTHER STUFF:
 - * Possible design change on M/700 trigger connector still pends testing to be conducted by Fred Schmidt. We still need another experimental lot of connectors from the vendor before this test can proceed. Estimated lead time from vendor is about 20 weeks at additional cost to Remington of approximately \$2000.
 - * Dick Jackson's SPC workload was about 50% in April and is expected to increase substantially in the next couple of weeks.