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MODEL 700

Calibers 243 and 244 Barrels

M. Walker has raised the question as to whether or not Sales desires that we should consider going to stainless steel on the Caliber 243 and 244 barrels. Apparently he is aware of some complaints as to the relatively shorter barrel life of our present 243's, and if necessary for that caliber would obviously be necessary in a 244.

Am not certain but believe that the Model 70 uses the stainless steel barrel. Before going further believe it desirable to have your comments on this.

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