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NOVEMBER 15-63

TO: F.E. MORGAN

FROM: WALT LANGHORST

SUBJECT: MODEL 600 FIELD TEST

COMPLETED THE ABOVE TEST ON MODEL 600 AS OUTLINED IN
YOUR LETTER OF OCT 31, 1963.

FIREGUN WITH ALL 140 RDS OF AMMUNITION - ALL BRANDS
AND GRAIN WEIGHTS AS SPECIFIED.

FIREARM WAS SHOT STRICTLY FOR FUNCTION AND NOT
ENDURANCE.

THERE WERE NO MALFUNCTIONS WHATSOEVER. THE GUN
HANDLED BEAUTIFULLY DURING SIMULATED HUNTING
CONDITIONS. FROM BENCH REST GUN HAD EXCESSIVE
RECOIL WHICH WAS TO BE EXPECTED.

EVALUATION: HANDLING WAS EXCELLENT. LIGHT, FAST POINTING
EASE OF OPERATION, FAIRLY ACCURATE, CONSIDERING
THE SIGHTS.

IN APPEARANCE GUN LOOKS GOOD. VERY RIBBON
CHARACTER AND IS A MUST WITH THE SHORT BARREL.
A NICE LITTLE GUN.

ON THE MINUS SIDE, RECOIL WILL POST A PROBLEM FOR INEXPERIENCED
SHOOTER AND SLIGHT PERSON. WITH THESE PEOPLE INSTALLATION
OF A RECOIL PAD WILL BE A MUST.

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MODEL 600 TEST WE LANHAMORST (CONTINUED)

THE SIGHTS ARE TOO ROUGH FOR ANY ACCURATE SHOOTING
THEREFORE CUSTOMER WILL HAVE TO SCOPE THE RIFLE. WE
SHOULD PUT BETTER FRONT SIGHT ON THIS GUN.

IN ORDER TO SELL THIS GUN THE PRICE WILL BE THE
KEY FACTOR. IF IT (PRICE) IS TOO CLOSE TO OUR
STANDARD TOO IT WILL NEVER GET OFF THE GROUND.
THE 308 CALIBER WHILE A GOOD CARTRIDGE HAS
BEEN LOSING GROUND STEADILY AND WILL NOT
ENHANCE SELLING CHARACTERISTICS ALTHOUGH IT IS
BETTER THAN OFFERING GUN IN 30-30.

GUN COULD BE A FINE ADDITION TO OUR LINE BUT
WILL DEFINITELY HAVE TO BE PRICED RIGHT.

Walt Longwell