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TO: F. E. Morgan
FROM: George Martin - Waco, Texas
SUBJECT: Model 600 - Serial #1556 - 308 Field Test

Dear Pete:

This rifle "grows" on you, i.e. at first a rib seems out of place on a rifle and then gradually it seems to fit the rifle and gives a distinctive appearance. This can also be said of the bolt. The stock checkering and wood finish are good. While the overall appearance is good it will not compete with the 700 in looks or price.

The 600 handles very well, i.e. carries well (light weight and short over all length), is well balanced and stock fit with open sights or scope is good. The trigger is excellent and the bolt works without any binding. Also there were no malfunctions. The safety is in good position and large enough. However, the safety has a tendency to make a little too much noise when released. Some deer hunters will object to this noise.

This particular rifle was quite accurate both with iron sights and a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x scope. Adjustment of the rear sight is okay as long as the hunter doesn't lose his wrench.

The point of impact with the various bullet weights was up to about 8" or 9" at 100 yds. This spread on this particular rifle may be due to the bedding. It appears that the bbl. is to be free floated, however, this bbl. touched the left hand side of the stock about 1" from the front. I tried to take bbl. and action out of stock in order to free float. However, I couldn't remove the front screw. Without this "touch point" I feel the rifle would shoot even tighter groups. I was able to shoot a couple 5 shot groups under 2". Usually the first 2 or 3 from a cold bbl. were very close to each other, 3/4" of an inch to an 1".

On finishing the shooting, I noted that the bbl. became hot enough to warp the 2nd nylon span from the front and the 2nd nylon span from the rear. They returned to normal as rifle cooled. I was then finished and didn't get the opportunity to check and see how many shots it took to warp the ribs. This should be checked as a deer hunter could easily shoot a box of shells in sighting in.

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Recoil -- WOW -- I have never been so sore from shooting any high power. This recoil really batters up bullet points too, especially the 5th one and W-W 150 Power Point really flattens out from just four shots.

It was noted in the instruction folder that the other calibers are to be 222 Rem. and 35 Rem. In this region the 35 Rem. is dead. To my way of thinking, and this is based on sales in this region and not nationally, we are missing a bet by not chambering the 600 for the 243. The 243 out sells, by far, the 308 in all makes in this region. If you would like some wholesalers' figures on 243 sales versus 308, please let me know.

Kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.