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Dear Charles:

Received your 721 Action in fine shape and got to work on it right away. I've had to make a few assumptions and hope that they meet with your approval.

First of all, it seemed that the best way to get the combination which I felt you desired, would be to not alter the 700 stock. As you can imagine, if we left the straight 721 bolt handle intact, this would involve the bolt handle cut in the stock. Also, back of the receiver tang on the 721 does not match that of the 700, nor does the bolt stop. Therefore, I took the liberty of not altering the stock, but altering the tang on the 721 receiver and installing a new 700 bolt which is the swept back type and probably a little more presentable as far as eye appeal etc. is concerned. I repeat again, that I hope this assumption meets with your approval.

I know that the magazine box was altered and I assume that this had to be done to accommodate the 300 Weatherby magnum case. However, in installing the detachable magazine, fore plate and trigger guard, that mates with the 700 stock, required some alteration to the bottom section of the magazine which should not influence feeding whatsoever. Also, the capacity has not been disturbed. The rifle has been completely fitted and altered now to accommodate the stock. Head space adjustment has been made and I just learned that we do have some 300 Weatherby magnum ammunition which I can run through the rifle to make sure that everything is intact.

I noted that the stock bedding was not quite right, in that there was some contact on the left hand side, so I had a little of that removed for clearance. We don't like too much gap in our bedding; just enough to get a piece of paper through from the chamber section on out to the fore-end. I'll have the action re-polished and re-colored so that it will cover up the removal of the front sight that you had done some time ago. I think you'll find the combination will have a very neat appearance. If everything goes all right, your rifle will be in the mail and on its way to you next week. In addition, I'll return the parts of the old rifle with the new one.

I hope that everything is what you desired, Charlie, and if it isn't please advise and I'll make some alterations.