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TO: F. E. MORGAN

FROM: J. V. ELIOT, JR.

SUBJECT: MODEL 660 FIELD TEST RIFLE

At the first opportunity, C. E. Maxwell and the writer took the new Model 660 308 cal. rifle to a gravel pit where there was a 100-yard target installed. Using the 308 cal. ammunition forwarded from Bridgeport, and Remington Sighting-In targets, we fired from both bench rest and off-hand position.

Accuracy - We were well pleased with the accuracy of the rifle, and feel that it is up to the same standards as the Model 600, which has been noted to be excellent.

Bolt - As this is the same bolt handle as on the Model 600, the same objections to this bolt from a point of function can be noted for the Model 660. We would have preferred seeing a bolt with a longer handle for faster action.

Barrel - The Magnum weight barrel is an improvement, along with the elimination of the barrel rib.

Sights - We have no comment on the sights, as they seem adequate for open sight use.

Magazine - Capacity is adequate for the 308 Win.; however, we are very disappointed that a clip-type was not made available in the new Model 660. In Wis., as in many other states, the use of the clip-type has gained in popularity because of the ease in loading and unloading when moving from one shooting location to another. Further, hunters generally like to have a second loaded clip of cartridges in their pocket when hunting. The sale of the extra clip is also looked upon favorably by the dealer. We think that the lack of clip loading will be a limiting factor in the sale of this rifle in this area.

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Recoil - When shooting this rifle from bench rest at a target while wearing summer apparel, the recoil and muzzle blast is very noticeable, you can be sure. We do not feel, however, that this would be a limiting factor as during the excitement of the hunt the recoil would not be noticed.

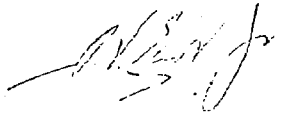
Stock - The custom checkering, RK-W finish, grip cap, and fore-end tip enhance the appearance of this rifle; however, again we would like to have seen a greater change in the new Model 660 to give it more of a new rifle appearance over the older Model 600. A Mannlicher-type stock, we think, would have increased the saleability of this model very considerably.

In summing up, we feel that we have a very useable and accurate type Carbine bolt action rifle; however, we would have preferred seeing more appearance changes to give it a "new" appearance over the Model 600. The Model 600 had definitely leveled off in sales in this area.

The rifle will be returned to Vic DeReus at Ilion on July 12.

Regards,

JV:ra

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W. B. Smith Jr.', is written over the 'Regards,' text.