

cc: F.E. Morgan
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Dear Merrill:

I read your interesting report on the Model 660 field test. Sounds as though you did a good job of shooting.

I agree that white beads on any front sight are an improvement, and I think the M/788 and 580 Series rifles require the same treatment. We are going to discuss this with the members of the Operations Committee and Pete Morgan to see if we can stir up interest in this area.

Your suggestion concerning the bluing of the bolt handle can best be explained by the process of how we accomplish this combination. First you must realize that equipment used to polish the bolt is a rotating polishing wheel. The process involved here is to completely color the bolt first, then polish away the center section; i.e. the cylindrical section. If the polishing wheel engaged the locking lugs the wheels would be torn badly and rapidly. This is why there is coloring left on the front section of the bolt.

Yes, I agree with you. I think this model will really go over very well. Hope to sell a lot of them!

Best regards,

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