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M/700 - Design

Ilion, New York
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DELBERT CONNER
Houston, Texas

Dear Delbert:

Thanks for your memo of April 21st about the .17 caliber. It would have been answered sooner except I have been away on vacation.

It was decided last year by the Arms and Ammunition Research people that this be put on the docket and has been in progress for some months. It seems to be a problem of being able to get good barrels on production basis in small bore since it is a lot harder for the factory to make. Also, the development date for the cartridge is a lot later than we had originally hoped, and I don't think your department wants to bring a rifle out in advance of having the cartridge. Mike Walker believes that unless we can have this for 1970 it may be too late before somebody else is first.

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