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Dear Clark:

Jim was here today and we went over the bolt actions from A to Z.

These are some of the things I propose:

1. Please don't bring out a new bolt action, without a fool-proof safety which is capable of locking the bolt. Make it at least as good as the present M/70, better if possible.
2. Suggest you push for a complete line of bolt action rifles that cover the price gamut from lowest to highest. I feel the Carbine should be as simple and plain as you can make it with a price to match.
3. Forget pressed checkering!
4. I feel the idea of a hex cross section for a new receiver will increase cost. I also feel that indexing barrels and receivers will also increase cost. Since I feel that present volume is low because of price structure, increasing cost is a no no!
5. I didn't mention this to Jim, but we should make a large effort to capitalize on the fact that the benchrest shooters think our present 700 - 600 - XP100 - 40X actions are the most accurate production actions available and use them when they can get them for bench rest competition.
6. I am personally not in favor of the "as hammered" finish on barrels.
7. I do not think that Ruger is making more than 5000077's per year. Anyone who says he is, is trying to mislead you.
8. The .243 has cost Win. and Sav. some fairly costly law suits due to its tendency to wear barrels quickly and cause high pressures due to excessive fouling. We have not had this problem because we use 6 MM barrel interiors for the .243, plus the fact that 700s do not come apart due to high pressure. To let the 6 MM die by taking it out of production in 700 is asinine. It's a better cartridge all the way than the .243 and we should make an effort to tell the customers. Letting the customers tell us in this instance, could get us into trouble.

9. We obviously have some production or design problems with M/700 magazine feed. We need to get busy on this. Magazines too narrow or receiver openings too wide can cause the problem you are experiencing.

10. Jim mentioned that some one is pushing for a Mauser type extractor. Do they understand that the rifle will come apart same as the present competition with excessive pressure if we go to any extractor which breaks the bolt shroud?

11. Has anyone tried a floating wedge in the front of the present 700 trigger as an additional element to the safety? It would be operated and governed in position by a relatively long slot in the present safety arm on the exterior of the housing. The wedging action would hold it in position until the very last movement of the safety to the "off" position. It might be pushed to the "on" position by a light spring or by the final movement of the safety arm to the "on" position.

If I think of anything more I will call.

Sincerely,

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