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SUBJECT: June Monthly Report

M/700 SS

The program has had a major re-direction in the last week. The new plan is to introduce the M/700 SS as an ADL rather than with a detachable magazine box. This simplifies the development program and moves up the introduction for 1992 at the SHOT Show. With input from marketing and process engineering, I have written preliminary specifications for the gun. We will propose these to marketing and work out the final details with them. Complete prototype actions for testing will be available early next week.

M/700 MAGAZINE BOX

We have been working with EMT to develop a side latching magazine box. The last prototype EMT made appears to be the first practical sample of this design developed. A front and rear latching prototype utilizing the existing BDL floorplate latch has also been made. Fred Martin is having a side latching box with the buttons in the side of the stock fabricated. Several other samples for evaluation of release button position are being made. A survey of shooters will then be used to help determine the final "preferred" location for the magazine release buttons.

M/700 VARMINT SYNTHETIC

Five sample stocks, three for photo samples and two for visual samples in incoming QC, were ordered from HS Precision. Dick Frappier has built actions for the photo guns.

M/700 EUROPEAN STOCK

Two sample ADL stocks from the German vendor arrived May 31. The inletting was noticeably better than the previous sample sent to us for evaluation. I have forwarded the stocks to Walt Bazan and Gerry Helmer for measurement and analysis with a master barreled action and trigger guard gaging. A cost estimate for 500, 1000, and 2500 units has been requested from the vendor by Bud Zumsteg.

M/700 MR STOCK

Maurice Monteau is having samples made that have .020" less pad pressure in the fore end than the current M/700 MR stock. The samples will be tested on M/700 MR target reject guns from the gallery to see if less fore end pressure improves accuracy.

M/7 YOUTH RIFLE

Randy Franz returned the rifle to Ilion June 13. The file for this project is now closed.

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