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Bridgeport, Connecticut
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TO:

FROM: F. E. MORGAN

SUBJECT: MODEL 870 STOCK TEST AND EVALUATION

We are arranging to ship to you this week two Model 870 shotguns. One gun will be fitted with a special stock so identified as having a new finish. The other gun you receive will be of current production.

Our objective has been to continually improve our wood finishes which was started with the development and introduction of Remington's H-W finish. The new finish that we are asking you to test is designed to provide better checkering, better stock fits and an improved and harder finish. In short, we hope this new process will help us meet more exacting standards and at the same time withstand rougher treatment and more adverse weather.

Your comparative test and evaluation of the two stocks is most important, and we must ask you to improvise test conditions in an effort to simulate expected abuse, weather, etc. that would be encountered under all types of hunting conditions. We would like to have you report back at the earliest practical date, within 2 weeks after receipt of the guns, if possible. Include in your report results the type of testing to which product was subjected. Keep in mind too, that the test is primarily for a comparison of stock fits, finish, and weatherability.

Please send your report directly to me and return both guns to Ilion marked for the attention of S. M. Alvis, Research Division.

FEM/bc

Letter and test guns sent to:

C. W. Roney	J. C. Ridley	M. D. Berkeley	E.B. Spencer	D.L. Brau
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Exhibit 1