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February 13, 1946

Mr. P. J. Daubenspeck
Emlenton, Pennsylvania

Subject: MODEL 720 RIFLE -
COMMENT AND CRITICISM

Dear Mr. Daubenspeck:

Your letter of February 5, 1946, addressed to Mr. C. K. Davis, has been carefully read by him with considerable interest. It is especially interesting to those of us who are concerned with the development of sporting arms and ammunition. Such expressions of opinion and of constructive criticism by sportsmen who are enthusiastic hunters are extremely helpful to us. We are distributing copies of your letter to members of our Products Committee and to members of our Technical Department who I am sure will find it interesting.

In order to obtain the opinions of interested sportsmen such as yourself, we have prepared a questionnaire on sporting arms and one on sporting ammunition which have been mailed to all sections of the United States. We are enclosing one of each of these questionnaires and would appreciate your returning them to us with your comments. From analysis of the many replies, we are sure you will understand that a factual measure of sportsmen's preferences can be made which will serve as a sound basis for product development and improvement. Your return of the questionnaires will be helpful to us in this undertaking.

Your commendation of our Model 720 High Power Bolt Action Rifle is very much appreciated and your suggestion to blue the bolt will receive serious consideration. For this model our supply of many of the major components for the 30-06 action has been completely exhausted during the war. Unfortunately we are unable to furnish you with the stock and the 30-06 action which you requested in your letter.

The establishment of a gunsmithing shop at our Arms Plant has been given careful consideration and so far we have been unable to find economic justification for such a project. Your opinion on this matter, however, is very much appreciated.

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We are receiving numerous suggestions with respect to calibers for our high power bolt action rifle in reply to our arms and ammunition questionnaires and our analysis of these replies we believe will point the way to those calibers which can be justified. Your comments on the 256 Newton and the 30 Newton will be given due consideration in this analysis.

Our sincere thanks to you for your fine letter and may we urge you to fill out and return the enclosed questionnaires giving us the benefit of your preferences on the subject of sporting arms and ammunition.

Very truly yours,
REMINGTON ARMS COMPANY, INC.

H. A. Brown, Manager
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