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Bridgeport, Connecticut, April 25, 1956

TO: P. H. BURDETT

File 40X General

FROM: R. C. SWAN

PROPOSED MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS
RIFLES, CALIBER 22 (COMMERCIAL)

We appreciate the opportunity to make a high spot review of S. M. Alvis letter of April 6, 1956 to which is attached Springfield Armory letter of March 27, 1956 together with the following specifications:

MIL-R-1296A dated March 21, 1956-"RIFLES, CALIBER .22
(Commercial)

MIL-R-1296 dated July 22, 1949 -"RIFLES, CALIBER .22
(Commercial)
to be superseded by the preceding specification

MIL-W-13855
(ORD) dated December 15, 1954-"MILITARY
SPECIFICATION WEAPONS, SMALL ARMS, GENERAL
SPECIFICATION FOR"

I have not attempted to analyze these specifications in detail. They appear to be quite generalized-if applied to a Caliber 22 Match type rifle they seem quite lenient. Possibly we should recommend a tightening of these specifications, yet readily obtainable by our Model 40X and/or 513T. It would also seem desirable to enumerate acceptable special sights for Match shooting. As you know, there are other so-called Match rifles on the market lower in cost and inferior in quality yet if they conform to a liberal specification, price alone might then become the deciding factor in making an award.