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DON'T SAY IT—WRITE IT

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Believe this is an item that you or Pete Morgan were handling and would appreciate follow-up. The Plant tells us that they now have established a "go ahead" for setting up specifications and sales for the M/700 in the D and F Grades. There were tentative specifications used by the Plant for their estimating probably based on the old M/725.

John Finnegan usually releases specifications, and also compiles them, working with our designers and you folks in Sales. However, in this case believe that before he can proceed there are several points that must be settled; namely:

## 1. Checkering

There seems to be question and perhaps not feasible to try to checker high grade stocks with the custom or impressed checkering. Also, I believe it is going to be rather difficult to hand checker any patterns that simulate those used on the field grade guns. Sales may want Ilion to advise as to "what they can furnish". This may be possible, but such checkering of models is very expensive. Believe there should be some collaboration before any samples are started.

## 2. Bolt

The tentative specifications indicated a chrome plated bolt. Merle Walker has recommended this be reconsidered for reason that it is detrimental to the strength of the action because of hydrogen brittleness from chrome plating.

## 3. Sling Strap

If to be furnished, what kind of straps are wanted? Those on field grade guns became quite controversial. Incidentally, there is an interesting article in the current issue of GUNS Magazine entitled "Sling Straps for What?".

Am leaving this that we will hold up trying to issue <sup>Standards</sup> ~~this manual~~ until we hear further from you.

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