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TO: P. E. MORGAN
FROM: D. LEE BRAUN and LARRY DICK
SUBJECT: FIELD TEST - XP100

Dear Pete:

We have now shot the field test for the XP100. The firearm worked perfectly as far as ejection, feeding and firing is concerned.

We feel this gun will sell initially because it's peculiar to the firearms industry to this point. It is a nice looking arm in a modern sort of way. It is perfectly balanced and the recoil is practically nothing. However, the muzzle blast is a bit excessive and will probably require ear plugs.

I feel sure the accuracy of this arm will leave nothing to be desired but if you were to go by Larry Dick's and the writer's performance on an accuracy basis, it would be better to hide in the closet at midnight because we couldn't prove anything, both of us being shotgun shooters and a bit unsteady at the pistol bit - and this includes bench rest shooting as well.

We both feel you should enlist Weaver, Bausch & Lomb and other scope people to use this gun in their advertising and promotion as it will make a dandy gun with the use of a scope.

We are not sure how the public will take to the single-shot feature. A repeating bolt action with a box fed cartridge arrangement would have been better, especially for moving varmints where a repeat shot is required quite often. Off of this particular subject, why couldn't we make a rim fire firearm like this and sell it as a free pistol for target shooting? It may be further developed as a repeat pistol for use in other matches ---this is just a thought.

We feel it is too heavy to be carried as a side arm.

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We have no idea what the price of this gun will be, but we surely suggest that the sights be trained pretty low on this.

As far as our personal test is concerned, we have nothing we can give you except good operation and good performance. We enlist your suggestions as to how and what we sell this for upon announcement.

Yours very truly,



D. Lee Braun,
Manager - Western Region