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Mr. Edward Hilliard
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Dear Ed:

I tried several times to see you at the convention in Chicago but apparently you had meetings elsewhere at the time that I was talking to your representative. At any rate, I certainly appreciate your sending me your Quick-Switch Mount for the Model 721.

The basic problem I am confronted with at the present time is that we have three special customers who were using the new Model 700 7mm rifles. I have recommended to them to purchase your 3X - 9X Variable Scope. In the particular areas where these people are going to hunt the Quick Switch Mount is most desired in my opinion to swing the scope out of the sight line but still retain it in a position that can be returned accurately. After discussion with your representative it was my understanding that this mount will not accommodate the large objective diameter of this scope, therefore it appears that it is going to be necessary for me to redesign either the base or the top section of the mount to raise the scope to a higher level. Would it be possible for you to supply me with drawings of these particular sections so that I can duplicate the dimensions, etc., otherwise I will have to have one of my model makers scale these dimensions.

One item I failed to mention was that these hunters will also require a fold down leaf type sight to be used when the scope is swung out of position. I will probably have to design a base and assemble two or three of your Semi-buckhorns to various sights so that the ranges from 15 to 50 yards can be quickly selected.

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Perhaps you have heard that we are presently going to announce the new XP-100 pistol. This model is a single shot, bolt action, high velocity, high energy pistol which shoots a 50 grain bullet at 2650 per second at the muzzle. It is so far the most powerful long range, flattest shooting pistol ever designed. The action is similar to our Model 700 Bolt Action with the exception that it is about two inches shorter. All of this mechanism is dropped into a molded nylon stock. It is so accurate that it is not uncommon to get half inch 5-shot groupings at 100 yards when using a mounted scope. This really gives you a suggestion for your consideration. To my knowledge there is only one pistol scope on the market. From what I have observed in the various gun magazines and listening to the discussions of gun and sports writers there seems to be a heavy trend toward the need for pistol scopes. I urge you to consider investigating probabilities of such a scope under similar qualities of your presently made Redfields. I will be forwarding to you in the near future drawings of this new pistol which will show mounting positions for scopes and sights.

Thank you again for the mount and please let me hear from you soon.

Very truly yours

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