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Ilion, New York
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TOM FRYE
Billings, Montana

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your note and your very fine pictures. You have a beautiful home and I hope sometime to have the opportunity to see it.

I received the 230 rifle, scope and ammunition in satisfactory condition. We think we have a combination in 244 that will be superior so are conducting a test for comparison. We will keep you advised.

Am sending you some powder as requested; also a spare XP-100 stock and sling for your experimentation. I am very much afraid that the pistol, scope and scope mount combination is not going to work out too well among the sports writers because the mount that was shipped with the scopes from Dave Bushnell's factory does not provide a two point bedding surface. The radius in the mount is larger than the radius on the receiver; therefore, rocks back and forth while shooting on a centerline contact. I pointed this out to Al Akin, the designer for Dave's mounts and scopes, and now have him convinced that the full length mount we have been using with the two point contact is desirable and actually absolutely necessary for good shooting.

Have just received word that Jack O'Connor's pistol is shooting 3" groups with his combination and doesn't think too much of it. I am sure the fault lies with the mount, as all of these pistols that left the factory to the sports writers would shoot 1 3/4" and under at 100 yds. I also received word from Warren Page, who seemed to think the pistol was quite accurate, that his groups were about 1 3/4" at 50 yds. Apparently he doesn't know much about accurate pistol shooting because with the correct mount this should shoot groups about half this size, and I will so advise him. If you have a chance perhaps you can drop a hint to Les Bowman to check on it.

Please keep in touch.

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