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MODEL 700 - 6mm

At request from Walker I have asked Harvey to "hold" on the cutting off of barrels to 20" until absolutely necessary. This is because Walker claims to have an indicated advantage for the longer barrel with hand loads even though there has been no indicated advantage with factory loads. Mike thinks that should there be a similar improvement in the factory loads, we may then have reason for justifying 24" barrel.

However, at the same time we have a situation as described by Morgan; namely, that of further confusing the 6mm picture by changing the barrel length specifications from that which, I believe, has now been announced or published. Also, am unable to understand the reason for the difference from results of barrel length between the 2 different types of loads. Perhaps further work will clarify.

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