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Mr. Neal Rodgers
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Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Believe your dealer is correct that Remington would not accept an order for a Model 700 BDL Grade Rifle with a stainless steel barrel in 30-06 Caliber. This is because there is not enough demand to justify setting up to produce it. I believe the reason the demand does not exist is because it is not thought to be necessary in this cartridge.

I am wondering why you would want it. In the first place, it is very difficult to provide a black metal coloring on stainless steel that would have any reasonably good quality appearance, and this is because the alloys of the steel, as they should, resist the effect of the coloring salts. Stainless steel barrels would become more of a necessity in the interest of longer barrel life for smaller bore, extra high velocity items. Here the stainless steel does a better job of resisting the erosion that would occur at the mouth of the chamber.

If you still insist on a stainless steel barrel for your rifle in this caliber, it can be handled, although in a more expensive manner. You would have to arrange with a custom gunsmith to provide and fit one of these barrels. One shop I know has been doing this is Robert W. Hart & Son, 401 Montgomery Street, Nescopeck, Pa. 18635. They also cater to work on special barrels and actions for bench rest and match shooters. I would not know the charges for such a job.

Very truly yours,

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