

Bolt Action Rifle Strategy - Historical Review

January 82 -

note from JSM

first mention of Bob Cummins - 1984

General meeting being held on Bolt Action Rifles

ADL restyle

BDL restyle

Bolt Action Carbine

note from JSM 1/7/82 - "This program is becoming a mess"

Note from FEM 1/8/82

700 BDL restyle has most of the features of what comes in the Mountain Rifle

Letter from FEM to JSM 2/11/82 - Original M17 program for 84 introduction is now what has become the new BAR.

* Proposed 'Bolt Action Centrifuge Rifle Business Plan' - letter from TAC to CBW - March 4, 1982. (Pg V-A-1) - Proposed to discontinue Classic, upgrade 700ADL, and introduce M17 LWT carbine in 1983, introduce M17 with Bob Cummins stock (Mountain Rifle) in 1985. Put off new BAR until 1990.

In March, 1982 - Marketing proposed their strategy restyled ADL in 1983; restyled BDL, drop Classic in 1985

Most discussions on the BDL replacement are the specs for what is now the new BAR.

4/30/82 - letter from T.C. to CBN - 3 proposed designs for BDL replacement - first reference to ~~contingency~~ contingency designs.

6/16/82 - letter from T.C. to CBN - timing of ~~new~~ BDL replacement now being talked about as '85 or '86.

7/27/82 - letter from JSM to FEM - FEM requested to write AI reports every 6 mos on BDL replacement. Tom Bauman assigned to work with FEM to complete work for '85 introduction.

In addition to Bob Emmons stock, Pete Hujzel (Auger) was commissioned to work up an action.

Furcino Research planning document - first mention of M1700 Lightweight - calls for 1985 introduction.

* 2/18/83 - specifications from JSM - Model 700 Lightweight to replace the Classic - specs for current Mountain Rifle

* Letter from JSM to FEM - 2/21/83 - lay out schedule for M1700 Lightweight - calls for 1984 introduction. Comments from T.C. to JSM - "I have reservations about how realistic the schedule is."

3/22/83
Letter from JSM to T.C. - Product Development meeting with Research, Marketing and Production. "The Model 870 Upgrade and Model 700

Lightweight was delayed for a 1985 announcement."

4/8/83- letter from FEM to Campbell requesting cost estimate for M1700.

6/8/83- letter from FEM to JSM - M1700 Lightweight schedule:
36 action by 6/19/83, 36 stocks from customer shops by 9/1.