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The engineering test rifles are finally at the assembly stage of fabrication. The receivers were delivered on December 5 and are presently in the Custom Shop with bolt assemblies and barrels where they will be assembled, chambered and final headed. Firing pin assemblies are nearly complete. Firecontrol assembly has been held up due to the availability of triggers. (The N/C and Model Shops are aware of our need for the triggers and they are in process) Ten magazine boxes have been promised again this week from H+P. I am reviewing our program to determine what the effect of not having magazine boxes will be. Forty surplus Tasco scopes have been purchased for testing.

The focus panel review went very well and contributed to our understanding of this rifle. A proposal to Research management has been written to solidify the stock and receiver configuration. I expect to begin modeling the new stock — 2.