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April 8, 1985

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PROM: R.S. Murphy QSM

New Bolt Action Development

In order to complete the development of this rifle and meet all of our design goals, we must complete the development of the fire control and magazine box in addition to the testing of critical components and assemblies. A partial listing of key questions yet to be answered as well as the responsibility and timing follows. Due to the problems we have encountered with the exposed component fire control, we will parallel the fire control development with the addition of the improved N/700 design.

We are currently behind schedule and must be prepared to work the hours required to meet these completion dates and avoid any further delays. We will meet informally on a daily basis and formally every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Research conference room.

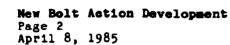
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Fire control - Exposed Component

- o What must we do to meet the drop test and jar-off specifications?
- Can a spring (or springs) be designed to provide the required trigger pull and range of adjustment?
- o What can be learned from a review of existing test data and the Winchester system?

Recommend spring/sear configuration: 4/10 Responsibility: Fred, Randy

Bolt Lock/Safety

- o How can safety switch be repositioned to a side tang location?
- o How can the safety be positively detented?
- o What must be done to the safety button configuration for easier operation?
- o What cam configuration is required for smooth bolt lock operation?

Marked up prints complete: 4/17 Responsibility: Fred

Fire control - Improved M/700

- o What must be done to incorporate the bolt lock and trigger block designs into one fire control?
- o What redesign is required to bring the trigger pull adjustment out of the stock?
- o What must be done to the safety and linkage?

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Fire control - Improved M/700 - cont'd.

- o What will the trigger spring (or springs) configuration look like?
- What must be done to the NBAR receiver to accommodate this fire control?

Marked up prints complete: 4/19 Responsibility: Fred

Detachable Magazine Box

- Will the present latch reliability hold a magazine?
 Will the box/follower combination feed?
 Will the follower orient cartridges correctly and reliably?
 - The above three questions will be answered 1 week after follower completion.
- o What could be done to improve the latching system?

Marked up prints complete: 4/12 Responsibility: Randy

Component Testing

Components to be tested:

- o new extractor
- o competitor's extractors
- o firing pin assembly
- o scope mounts

A testing schedule will be completed 4/10 Responsibility: Skip

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