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given to the governments Armament Research, Development
             and Engineering Center (ARDEC) at Picatinny Arsenal in New
             Jersey. ARDEC quickly decided that it would be far too
             costly for the Army to develop its own sniper weapon, but
             should adopt a commercially available system. 
             <font face="Verdana"><span style="font-size; 8pt">The
             Marine Corps M40A1 was also dismissed, as the
             short-action of the Remington M700 would not permit
             insertion of a round larger than the 7.62 NATO The
             pre-production chronology of events includes </span>«/font>
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              <font size="1"> </font><font face="Verdana">
              <span style="font-size: 8pt">In March 1985, the U.S.
              Government issued a survey, requesting proposed
              specifications for a new sniper
rifle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    
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              <font face="Verdana"><span style="font-size 8pt">An
              initial marketing investigation on a new sniper title
              was initiated by Remington Arms Company on April 25,
1985.            
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              <font face="Verdana"><span style="font-size: 8pt">A U.S.
              Government Market Investigation questionnaire was sent
              out on April 25, 1986 . ** bit*
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              <font face="Verdang"><span style="jont-size: 8pt">An
              official Request For Proposal (DAAA21-86-R-001) was
              issued on October 1 1986.<br/>
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              Remington Arms Company, Inc. submitted bid samples
              forty-five days later on November 14,
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              Remingtons " best & amp; final offer & quot; was submitted on May 1,
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              ≲font face#"Meidana"><span style="font-size: 8pt">The
              U.S. Government contract was awarded to Remington Arms
              Company on July 22, 1987. <br>
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              Developmental work in Ilion was conducted by Remington's
              R & Broup. The design section was called the SWS Team,
              which wentually fabricated a total of 25 SWS systems
              for testing <br>
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