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SUBJECT: Model 700 BDL Replacement

MODEL 700 BDL REPLACEMENT
(1985 Introduction)

Research reported that a new bolt action rifle is being developed to replace the Model 700 BDL. This new rifle, to be introduced in November, 1984, will feature new styling and improved function (Exhibit 13). Styling items include a Stock designed by Bob Emmons, an octagonal Receiver with integral scope mounts, and a lightweight Barrel contour polished without removing the CFM hammer marks. Functional improvements will include a rotary Magazine Box for more reliable feeding, fully enclosed claw type Extractor for added strength, no bind, easy lift Bolt for smoother action, Receiver with a heavier, integral recoil lug for added stability, a redundant Safety Switch, and a fully adjustable Fire Control that does not require removal from the Stock. Due to priorities being placed on 1983 programs, preliminary design completion has been delayed until March.

The fourth model gun from Bob Emmons, featuring revisions to the Receiver by Pete Grisel, has been delayed until February. That gun will include a Tang Safety and a Schnabel Fore-end. Initial designs have also been completed for the rotary Magazine Box, the fully enclosed claw type Extractor, and Receiver with integral recoil lug. Tests of the Extractor will begin in January. However, priorities being placed on 1983 programs are delaying fabrication of key components.

Marketing noted that recent data indicate that some features proposed for the Model 700 BDL replacement are not as important to the customer as previously thought. Final specifications will be proposed in January.



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