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Reporter Donald McClure

Shop Name Douglas Jackalope Gun & Sport Shop Gunsmith's Name Bill Meehan

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No. & Street City State

Gunsmith on Premises? Yes If not, give address below:

Gunsmith's Address _____ Zip _____
No. & Street City State

Recommended List (X) Open Acct. (X) % Disc. 30% Dealer (X) Large () Small (X)

PERSONS INTERVIEWED and POSITION:

- 1) Bill Meehan - Owner/Gunsmith (2) _____
- 2) _____ (4) _____

SPECIFIC PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED:

- . M-700 - 270 Caliber - Fired upon closing.
- . M-540X - Target Rifles - Several broken bolt stops.
- . Components in demand (bullets)

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Bill mentioned a M-700, 270 caliber which fired on closing. This gun, though 11 years old, had the original Duco cement sealant on the adjusting screws. I asked if the fire control showed signs of dried steel guard but he did not know. Bill had talked to Dick St. John regarding this gun and had been told to return it to Arms Service which he had done. The gun had been returned with a new trigger installed. Bill said he had been told he would receive an explanation of what was found to be wrong but this has not arrived.

Bill maintains the target rifles for a local small bore club. This club is very active; they have 24 Model 540X's which are used on an average of twice a week. Bill states that bolt stop breakage has been a serious problem. Each gun averages the replacement of one bolt stop a year. When he could receive them this is not a big problem, but having to return them to Arms Service with the new policy is. He said that he had called Dick St. John about this problem also and that 10 bolt stops had been sent but they have long since been used up. He has 14 guns that need bolt stops at this time. Perhaps another supply could be sent to him. He is very competent to make this repair.

He mentioned that bullet components are wanted by many customers; bronze bullets and 17 caliber by the varmit shooters.