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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for your letter of April 9, 1965. Your reply surprised me because a recent Government report states that recent Western Cartridge Company ammunition for the 6.5 mm Mannlicher-Carcano rifle is available for retail purchase and is manufactured currently. Apparently some misunderstanding has arisen and the assertions in the Government report seem to be incorrect.

I hesitate to take advantage of your kindness by additional inquiries but I should be grateful to know the year in which you discontinued production of this ammunition. You say that it was produced on a Government contract basis. From this, I would assume that the contract was in the era of the Second World War (I do not believe that the Carcano rifle was used in Korea). If this assumption is correct and the present surplus cartridges were manufactured at about the time of the Second World War, what effect would that have on the reliability of the ammunition today?

I am most grateful for your kindness in taking the trouble to provide this information and apologize for the imposition.

Yours sincerely,

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