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Mondragon rifle

Dear Sir,

We would like to thank you for your letter dated September 21. Please accept our apologies for the late reply due to the fact that we had to investigate into this matter first.

This is the result of our search:

In 1902 SIG were given the licence for the semi-automatic rifle model 1900, designed as a gas-operated weapon by the Mexican General Manuel Mondragon, with the order for final development. Several delicate problems both on the ammunition as well as on the technical side had to be solved and in May 1908 a contract for delivery of 4'000 rifles model 1908, calibre 7,0 mm, was signed with the Mexican Government.

Political troubles of various kinds, resulting in the overthrow of dictator Porfirio Diaz, brought about that only a small part of the mentioned order could be delivered. The weapons got stored up. In 1914 the whole lot was bought by the German Air Force where it became established under the model designation "Flieger-Selbstladekarabiner 15".

We feel sorry for being unable to give you more than this rather poorly information but there are no drawings or descriptions left. The only thing we can send you are a few pictures showing this pretty rifle in different ways.

We neither have a weapon nor a bayonett left for sale and can only advise you to get into contact with one of the following Swiss gun dealers who might be in a position to help you further also with regard to the special markings you mentioned: