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Los Angeles, Cal., August 18 -- A John Wayne Winchester Commemorative rifle today was presented President Reagan by C.Hugh Fletcher, U.S. Repeating Arms Company executive, and Wayne's two sons, Michael and Patrick.

The President's rifle, called "The Duke", was accompanied by a second Commemorative for his First Lady.

In making the presentation at the Century Plaza, Mr. Fletcher said, "With the John Wayne Commemorative carbine we seek to honor your long-time friend who brought great happiness to the lives of people the world over and to help support the John Wayne Cancer Clinic at the University of California at Los Angeles."

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THE JOHN WAYNE COMMEMORATIVE

The John Wayne Winchester Commemorative rifle, chambered for the 32-40 cartridge, makes it the first in the line of Commemorative firearms ever manufactured in this classic caliber.

Unique is the gun's oversize bow-type lever, a style introduced by Wayne in "Stagecoach" and pupularized by him in all of his Western movies.

The rifle's distinguished receiver is engraved, the left side depicting a stagecoach under attack by Indians, while the right side appears a cattle drive scene. Both sides have a border highlighting the names of famous Western movies in which John Wayne starred and his Signature is engraved on the upper tang.

Imbedded in the buttstock is a medallion portraying in bas-relief a bust of Wayne against a background of the rugged scenery of Monument Valley, familiar site of many of his pictures.

In addition, a special deluxe version of the gun-"The Duke One of One Thousand"-- limited to 1,000 units,
will be produced. It will feature a gold-plated receiver,
lever, lower tang and barrel bands.

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Fred:

Here's a close-up.

Can I have this back if you don't need it -- I'd like to send it to my pal, George Nichols.

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