

3. MODEL 740

a. 270 Winchester

Research and Development reports that no design modifications have been devised which would permit use of the 270 Winchester in the Model 740. Word is therefore awaited from Bridgeport Research and Development concerning a replacement caliber for the 270.

b. 308 Winchester

Management approval has been received for the introduction of the 308 caliber in the Model 740, and preliminary announcement was made by Sales on April 24. The Plant reports that tooling has been completed and that pilot assembly should start by May 4. Following is the revised schedule:

Schedule - May 1, 1956

May	150
June	2,500
July	2,500

c. 244 Remington

The economics presented by N. F. Larsen showed an adequate return for the 244 Remington in Model 740. The design work is completed, and the model could probably be introduced in December as planned. However, since acceptance of the 244 Remington depends on good accuracy, it was felt that this caliber should not be introduced in the Model 740 until the general design improvements discussed below are completed. In addition, Sales feels that this caliber should be introduced in the Model 760 prior to its introduction in the Model 740. Therefore, it was agreed to withhold decision on the date of introduction of the 244, at least until the next meeting.

d. General Design

The general design improvements referred to previously have been turned over to the Plant. These include the following three general groups:

- (1) Breech ring. In the present design, the breech ring is assembled by means of a conical plug. Any failure of the conical surfaces to mate