

In view of the favorable economics and the assurance from Sales that the design submitted meets their requirements, the committee took the following action:

Decision

The Operations Committee (Arms Division) recommends to Management the replacement of the Models 513T and 521T, without obsolescence, by the Model 524T. It recommends further that the Ilion Plant be authorized to produce the number of parts for the Models 513T and 521T estimated to provide the following coverage: stocks, receivers, and barrels - 10 years; other parts - 15 years; and that the Ilion Plant be authorized to dispose of all special equipment and tools required only for the Models 513T and 521T when the above parts have been accumulated. 83

MODEL 552

DED testing of the field and gallery grades has been delayed by Plant rearrangements, but is continuing satisfactorily. It is expected that a report on the testing and revised costs will be available before the next meeting.

MODEL 555

Research and Development reported that the general reaction of our color consultant was excellent, and that he anticipated wide acceptance of the color feature of these guns. His choice of colors was in the following order: maroon, bronze, green, yellow. Appearance mockups in these four colors will be taken by Sales Department to a District Managers' meeting to obtain their reaction.

Research and Development reported that the stock mold is expected about September 15, and that final design of the metal parts to fit the actual stock dimensions will start as soon as first stocks are available.

Sales asked what the probability was that the Model 555 would be acceptable as a gallery gun. They noted that the gallery operators are concerned primarily with reliability, ruggedness, ease of maintenance, and cleaning. Research and Development believes that the Model 555 will be acceptable in all of these respects.