

As a consequence of this decision, we may be faced at a future time with retaining the Model 11-48 in the small gauges after the Model 11-48 and Sportsman-48 have been dropped in all larger gauges or with having no guns in the small gauges. Research and Development was therefore requested to consider during the development of the autoloading and slide action of the Sportsman K (XS1 and XS2) the desirability of having these guns available in small gauges, in the hope that a design can be developed which can use a common receiver size for all gauges, thus obviating the very expensive tooling required to produce small gauge guns.

#### SPORTSMAN-48

The Sportsman-48 is scheduled for discontinuance at the end of 1958. Ilion Plant requested the Operations Committee to recommend the length of time spare parts should be provided and to obtain authorization for disposal of special equipment and tools required only for the Sportsman-48. In the past few years, spare parts coverage has been authorized for ten years on barrels, receivers, stocks and fore-ends and fifteen years on other parts. Some members felt that it was time to start reducing this coverage. The Sales Department, however, took the position that guns normally have a very long life and the customers expect spare parts to be available. They would prefer, therefore, to stay with the ten and fifteen year provision unless this is very expensive for the Company. To assist in reaching a decision, the Ilion Plant was requested to provide the Committee with an estimate of the cost of ten and fifteen year coverage in the case of the Sportsman-48.

#### SPORTSMAN-58

##### A Grade

The Ilion Plant submitted a revised economic study based on the Sales Department forecast of February 18 which was as follows: