

Targets were shown and it was established to the Committee's satisfaction that 105 grain bullets "keyholed" badly in barrels of one-in-12" twist.

In view of the target test and the need for an immediate decision on the specifications for the Model 725 in 244 caliber, which has been announced for April delivery, the Sales Department recommends that the Model 725 in 244 caliber be provided with a lightweight 22" barrel having one-in-12" twist rifling. Best results with this rifle can be expected with our present 75 and 90 grain bullets.

The Plant stated agreement with the general specifications proposed. It was pointed out that specifications will require a new stock and a new barrel. No unusual problems are foreseen with the required new barrel, and if the stock vendor can supply the required new stock in usual delivery time, Model 725's in 244 caliber can be in warehouse stock in late April. The Committee agrees with the Sales Department's recommendations for Model 725 rifle specifications. Delivery date for the new rifle is now estimated as May 1. 83

The Sales Department believes that a bullet weight of over 100 grains is a necessity in 244 caliber if Remington is to effectively meet the competitive 243 caliber offerings. Accordingly, Sales recommends consideration of a 244 rifle designed specifically for optimum results with 244 bullets exceeding 100 grains weight. As visualized by Sales, this rifle would be designated as a "244 Magnum", would be chambered for the standard 244 cartridge case, and would be provided with a barrel having optimum rifling twist to handle bullets up to possibly 120 grains. Ammunition for this rifle loaded in the standard 244 case would utilize bullets heavier than 100 grains and would be marked and sold under the designation "244 Magnum".

The Committee agreed that a "244 Magnum" rifle based on the stated Sales specifications would be a desirable addition to the line and further agreed to place this item on the Development Schedule. Sales will determine the range of bullet weights to be used in the proposed "244 Magnum" for guidance of Research & Development design of an optimum barrel.

SLIDE ACTION CARBINE, MODEL 760  
(INCLUDING CALIBER 30/30)

Although this item is on deferred status, development has progressed to the point where a design prototype has been made and fired with 30/30 caliber ammunition. The design prototype was shown to the Committee, and members of the Committee commented generally on the design for guidance of further Research & Development work.

This item has been included in the 1959 Development Schedule. The Committee agreed that this item is not yet ready for review and, therefore, it should be dropped from the agenda until Research & Development is ready to report.