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MODEL 722 BARRELS FOR CALIBER 244
(WEIGHT and LENGTH)

The Sales Department proposes a change in barrel specifications for the Model 722 in 244 caliber, with substitution of a 22" lightweight barrel for the present 24" heavyweight barrel.

The Research & Development Department states no objection but informs the Committee that it has received letters indicating some customers desire heavy barrels even in the companion Model 725.

After discussion the Committee acted as follows -

Decision

The Operations Committee, Ilion Division, approves substitution of a 22" lightweight barrel for the 24" heavyweight barrel currently used on the Model 725 in caliber 244, without obsolescence.

SPORTER STOCKS FOR MODEL 721 and MODEL 722 RIFLES

Research & Development demonstrated sample sporter stocks for the Models 721 and 722 rifles, which stocks are currently subject to cost analysis at Ilion. The Sales Department commented on features desired in sporter stocks for guidance of Ilion personnel.

The Sales Department reiterated their position with regard to sporter stocks for Model 721 and Model 722 rifles stating that while improved stocks are necessary to enhance sales potential of these rifles, there must be a clear distinction in appearance and features between the Model 725 and Models 721-722, to maintain the appeal of both classes at different list prices. If Sales forecast for Models 721-722 can be increased without destroying sales of the Model 725, new stocks are justified. Models 721-722 stocks should be unchecked and the rifles should not have the hinged floor plate, swivels, and other dress-up features of the Model 725.

The Plant will continue costing and design analysis of improved stocks for Models 721-722.

NEW CENTER FIRE CARTRIDGE AND RIFLE ADAPTATION
(244 REMINGTON MAGNUM)

This item was included in the agenda so that the Ilion Division would be fully informed of the Bridgeport decision to terminate work on heavier bullet ammunition in 244 caliber.

Ilion is now informed, and no further work on a 244 Remington Magnum rifle is contemplated.