

The Committee agrees that a single shot shotgun should be considered. The item will be carried on future agenda.

CENTER FIRE RIFLES

MODEL 742 CARBINE - CALIBERS 280 REMINGTON and 308 WINCHESTER

Pilot testing of the Model 742 Carbine in 308 Caliber has been satisfactory and production has been released. Sixty to one hundred rifles are now in the warehouse, and a quantity of six hundred is expected for shipment at the end of April. Testing of the Carbine in 280 Caliber has been expedited by cutting off barrels of standard Model 742 rifles. While some functioning problems are still being met, it is expected that Carbine barrels will be included in the next regular 280 Caliber production run scheduled for June. On this basis, tentative shipment date for the Model 742 Carbine in 280 Caliber will be July, 1961.

MODEL 721 and MODEL 725 RIFLES - CALIBER 264 WINCHESTER

Model 721 rifles in Caliber 264 are in pilot production. Necessary approvals will be solicited as soon as the Plant completes product testing. Model 725 rifles in this caliber will be submitted for approval as soon as revisions to front sight design are completed.

The Plant reports that problems of machining stainless steel barrels for this caliber have been satisfactorily resolved ahead of schedule. Approximately fifty rifles are now being assembled and material is on hand for production of 300 rifles scheduled for May, 1961, warehousing.

The Plant expects early resolution of remaining production problems peculiar to this item but it is suggested that announcement be delayed temporarily to insure that the final product meets all specifications. The Plant will notify the Sales Department as soon as production level permits announcement. The Research & Development Department has released to the Plant a front sight ramp, designed for screw mounting on the Model 725. This component will obviate problems encountered in brazing the standard front sight to the Model 725 barrel.

The question of marking Caliber 264 barrels as "stainless" was discussed. It was agreed that barrels in this caliber should not be so marked. The stainless steel barrel will be exploited as a sales feature at the point of sale by box labels and attachment of a descriptive tag to the rifle trigger guard.