

CENTER FIRE RIFLESMODEL 700 BOLT ACTION RIFLESA and ADL GRADE RIFLES

Prototypes of the Model 700 rifle in A and ADL Grades were demonstrated to the Committee.

The machine checkering to be used on the ADL Grade of this model is to be produced by an operator controlled machine capable of producing six stocks at one time. The Research & Development Department reports that work on this machine is approximately 80% complete and it is questionable whether the machine will be in operation in time to produce stocks for January 1, 1962 warehousing. It is planned to use hand checkered stocks on initial production of ADL Grade guns. 83

While full economics are not yet available on the R&D checkering machine, it appears that ADL Grade stocks can be formed and checkered at Remington by this equipment at less cost than is represented by procurement of comparable stocks from outside vendors. Checkering costs are estimated at approximately \$1.00 per gun.

Inverted press checkering will be provided on A Grade Model 700 guns. Equipment for this checkering decoration is expected to be in operation by November 1, 1961. The Sales Department requested information on caliber availability in this item. The Production Department states that guns in 30-06 caliber will be available for field tests in early December. Calibers 270 Winchester, 222 Remington, and 222 Remington Magnum will be available in small volumes on November 1, 1962. This is acceptable to Sales.

The Production Department questioned whether the 264 Winchester and 7MM Remington Magnum calibers would be offered in A Grade guns. It is the Sales Department desire to have these calibers in both A and ADL Grades.

The requirement for stainless steel barrels on Calibers 264 Winchester and 7MM Remington Magnum was discussed. Stainless steel barrels will be provided in these calibers.