

The Committee reviewed two prototype models of the rifle. One was that originally approved by the Committee at the May meeting and subsequently presented to General Management for approval. The second included additional features of Custom Checkering, and an alternative shaping of the grip section which Management requested to upgrade the appearance. After discussion of the following factors, the Committee recommends that the original prototype as approved by the Committee at the May meeting be considered as the approved prototype for production:

A major concept of the Model 600 rifle is to compete with the Winchester Model 94 at the same \$85.00 selling price. Further improvement to the features of the Model 600 would reduce its profit margin which is now projected at \$4.21. It would also cause it to closely approach the features of the Model 700 ADL, retailing for \$114.95 with a projected profit margin of \$6.42. Any resultant substitution of Model 600 sales for Model 700 sales will reduce earnings due to the lower profit margin of the Model 600.

The Model 600 has several other quality features such as the vent rib and Monte Carlo stock, not available in another rifle in this price class.

The mid-March, 1963 warehouse date would be jeopardized by the time to finally complete and process a checkering design and stock change.

The Committee also reviewed the rear sight and revised bolt handle shape as discussed in conjunction with the XP-100 pistol.

The approval status of the rifle is that the prototype as submitted at the May meeting with the changes noted below has been approved by the Committee:

Rear Sight

- The Sales Department had requested the Allen Head adjustment screws be changed to slotted head screws. However, these screws are very small. Research and Development recommends that best experience will result if the elevation and windage screws are the Allen Head type, requiring the same size wrench. The Committee concurred. It was suggested that an Allen Head wrench for these screws be packaged with the rifle. This latter point was not resolved.