

MINUTE #7-1963

MODEL 600 BOLT ACTION RIFLE

The Sales Department clarified that the calibers for this rifle will be 308 Winchester, 35 Remington, and either 222 Remington or 222 Remington Magnum. The latter will be resolved shortly by Sales in time to avoid any delay. The previous calibers discussed, 284 Winchester Magnum, 30-30 Winchester and 350 Remington Magnum, has been abandoned. Sales desires to announce the rifle in all three calibers in January, 1964. The Custom Checkering patterns submitted to the Sales Department have been approved by Sales and Management.

Discussions of the schedule to manufacture the rifle indicated the following:

- Research states the barrel must be re-designed for the larger caliber 35 Remington. They had been re-designing for the 350 Remington Magnum and recommend this design since it will handle the 35 Remington and the 350 Remington Magnum should it be added later.

The Sales Department was not aware the barrel would have to be re-designed when they proposed the 35 Remington and would reconsider this caliber if it increases the product cost.

The Committee agreed the barrel should be re-designed for 35 Remington and 350 Remington Magnum provided it can be done within the present estimated product cost and authorized project cost. The effect on both costs should be firmed up before proceeding and the Committee advised if the re-design fails to come within the defined objective.

- None of the planned calibers will require a recoil pad.

The barrel re-design will not affect the announcement date. It will require scrapping 600 barrels in process. Completing trial and pilot of 308 caliber will be delayed from April until July, but the November warehouse date can be met with stocks produced and Custom Checkered by conventional processes. The .222 and .35 calibers will be warehoused either before or shortly after January, 1964 so that all three calibers can be announced at once.

- The Chairman requested the project be revised for submission to the April Board, reflecting the change in scope from a low priced to intermediate priced rifle. It should be based on a latest estimate of product and project costs. A completed draft should be in Bridgeport by March 27.

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