

shoulder with telescope sights rather than using the accuracy testing device. The barrels were produced by both close Research supervision of Plant production and by certain modifications to the barrel process.

Research feels caliber 6MM production can be resumed with the barrel process changes and tighter manufacturing control of both the barrel and ammunition manufacture. The need for higher quality ammunition is indicated by the inability to obtain 2-1/2 inch accuracy in the accuracy device and by shoulder shooting only barely producing the stated accuracy. Better reliability is needed for routine production.

The Production Department noted the GFM center fire unit will be started up in September. They questioned whether extensive process changes should be made until the improvement available from the GFM barrels is determined. They agree some compromise process changes can be accomplished and these, in conjunction with tighter manufacturing control, could possibly permit warehousing caliber 6MM rifles in 4 to 5 weeks for the Fall hunting market. 83

It was agreed that resuming caliber 6MM Remington production will be immediately considered based upon:

- Research and Production review of Research's proposed process modifications and control. These will be judged for those that can provide improvements to meet a late August warehouse date. Both the start-up cost and effect on product costs will be determined to aid in the final decision.
- Research discussion with Bridgeport Production on their ability to improve ammunition quality over that used in Research's tests. One question may be the ability of Mann barrels to be indicative of 6MM accuracy in the rifle.

Six writer's guns will be replaced from Research's test rifles. Research will qualify the rifles with the lot of ammunition from which the writers will also be supplied.

MODELS 742 AND 760 - CARBINE GRADES

The Committee approved the Sales recommendations to discontinue and add the following calibers in all carbine grades:

| <u>Model</u> | <u>Action</u> | <u>Caliber</u> | <u>Volume</u> | <u>Approximate 1962 Net Sales Value</u> |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 742 | Discontinue | 280 Rem. | 160 | \$ 13,500 |
| 760 | Discontinue | 280 Rem. | 65 | 4,700 |
| 760 | Discontinue | 270 Win. | 300 | 22,000 |
| 760 | Add | 35 Rem. | 200(Estimated) | 14,000 |