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Sales deferred their request of six guns for a preliminary field test prior to the full scale field test in anticipation of the new schedule being met.

CENTERFIRE RIFLES AND PISTOLS

MODEL 600 BOLT ACTION RIFLE

In pilot testing of caliber 308, stocks and trigger breakage developed. A stock reinforcing screw similar to the M/700 and a change in heat treatment of the powdered metal trigger have overcome these difficulties. Twenty caliber 308's will be shipped for field test in the middle of October. Pilot operations have been resumed on caliber 222 and caliber 35 receivers with pilot assembly scheduled for both calibers on November 1. Production anticipates warehousing both caliber 222 and 35 in January, 1964.

MODEL 700 - CALIBER 223 REMINGTON

Sales requested a reconsideration of replacing the 222 Remington Magnum with the 223 Remington in the Model 700. In view of sales volume experience (1351 in 1962 and 1535 through mid-September, 1963), the forecasted sales volume of the caliber in this model (1350 in 1964), and the anticipated trade objections in discontinuing the 222 Remington Magnum, Sales is reluctant to replace it with the 223 Remington (5.56MM) in the Model 700. They requested the Operations Committee to withdraw its approval of the Sales Department's recommendation to replace the Model 700 caliber 222 Remington Magnum with caliber 223 Remington effective January 1, 1964.

Committee Action

The Committee approved and recommends General Management approve the Sales Department recommendation to withdraw authorization of the replacement of the Model 700 caliber 222 Remington Magnum with caliber 223 Remington effective January 1, 1964.

MODEL 760 - CALIBER 223 REMINGTON (5.56MM)

As a speculative move to capitalize on the possible future popularity of the military cartridge and as a holding gesture to provide a rifle that will handle the cartridge until such time as the popularity of the cartridge can be determined, the Sales Department recommends that the caliber 223 Remington be introduced in the Model 760 for announcement January 1, 1964. The warehousing of this caliber is dependent upon final release of design to plant and availability of tooling but should not extend past April 1, 1964. The Sales Department forecasts that this proposal will support the following sales volumes: