

CENTER FIRE RIFLES AND PISTOLSMODEL 600 CARBINE

The January manufacturing cost was \$44.99 compared to the first year Project estimate of \$41.81. The significant over-Project items were labor and burden. Each will improve as planned labor improvements are accomplished and as firearm volume increases later in the year. Production expects to meet the first year Project cost by mid-year.

(In the future, the Model 600 cost performance will be reviewed every three months. The next review will be at the May meeting when the cost through March will be available.)

MODEL 600 CARBINE - CALIBER 6MM REMINGTON

Research reported the accuracy of their prototype averaged approximately 2 1/2 inches extreme spread for five groups of five shots each at 100 yards. This result meets the tentative specification, but was not as good as expected due to improvisations made to expedite the test. Corrections are being made and the prototype will be retested. However, there is no reason to think this caliber will be any problem in the Model 600.

Functioning of the prototype was satisfactory.

Production stated the rifle will be warehoused and available to ship in June.

Sales has received a special order for 1,000 rifles for the Montana Centennial. The quantity must be shipped by the date specified on the order. The Plant will check their ability to meet the shipping date when they receive the order.

MODEL 700 CUSTOM

Research presented a prototype Model 700 CUSTOM (formerly referred to as Model 700 High Grade) for Committee approval. The Committee accepted the prototype to test market in the Western Region this year for \$295. The marketing test will take several months to complete. Presuming satisfactory results, Sales plans to announce the Model 700 CUSTOM as part of the 1965 firearms line.