## GENERAL

## WOOD

While showing the XC and XR Series Bolt Action Line, R & D reviewed model rifles with birch and elm Stocks. It is believed there would be a price advantage to use birch or elm for the XC and XR rifles. Due to the advantageous cost Purchasing has obtained on the 500 Series walnut Stock blanks, there is no price advantage at the present time.

The Ilion plant is processing two hundred (200) each elm and birch Stock blanks to determine processes and scrap, as needed to develop costs for comparison with walnut.

Continued investigations are also being made to evaluate substitutes for walnut in case shortages develop or prices become prohibitive. One thousand (1000) each short 5tock and Fore End Brazilian walnut blanks have been ordered. Delivery to Ilion is expected the second quarter of 1965.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 9, 1985 at Ilion.

VGD:I Attachments

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