

RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.

MODEL 580 SINGLE SHOT, 581 BOX &
582 TUBULAR BOLT ACTION RIFLES
MODEL 788 CENTER FIRE RIFLE - contd.

Delays have been experienced in the Receiver swage starting operation due to a combination of machine and tooling problems. Sufficient rim fire blanks have been produced to try out the initial Remington and Tri-Ordinate machines. Since the metal machining pilot schedule was ahead of the Stock, the total program has not been affected by these delays.

Other pilot operations are being started as tooling and equipment is available. 83

A visit was made to the walnut supplier to review Stock blank prices. There will be a general increase of approximately 20% effective January 1, 1966. In April 1965, there was a price increase of 5 to 10% which was not included in the project economics. The price of the rim fire Stock blank is \$.60 over the estimate and the center fire, \$1.15.

Metal blank costs have also been reviewed by Purchasing. It is indicated that Model 580 rim fire costs will be approximately \$.50 per rifle over the estimate and the center fire rifle, \$.40.

R & D reported that a plastic Magazine Box is being developed for the Model 581 Box Magazine Rim Fire Rifle.

The development of the 5mm caliber cartridge and rifle is progressing. R & D development costs for the rifle are estimated at \$60,000. Three months will be required to develop and determine production and tooling costs.

The model numbers for the 5mm rifle will remain Model 580 Single Shot Magnum, 581 Box Magazine Magnum and 582 Tubular Magnum.

Marketing requested a review of the costs to change from a black oxide colored Bolt Assembly to a bright finish.