

SHOTGUNS - contd.Left Hand Version - 12, 16 & 20 Ga. - contd.

Marketing has estimated a volume of five thousand (5000) guns per year (3500 12 Ga., 500 16 Ga. and 1000 20 Ga.) and 60% would be added business. The selling price would be increased ten dollars (\$10.00) for the left hand version.

MODEL 870. 28-410 GAUGEMODEL 1100. 20-28-410 GAUGE

R & D reported on the model gun testing. Design changes have strengthened the Locking Block. Work has not progressed as fast as anticipated. R & D expects to have ten (10) models with the latest design in February.

The Plant is continuing to telescope the program of design and procurement of equipment while development testing is being performed by Research.

Production reported that tool design is estimated to be 85% complete. The designs of tooling for the starting operations on the Barrel, Receiver, Stock and Fore End were completed first. As a result, tooling is being received for tryout. Pilot production of 410 gauge Barrel blanks has started. Operations on the Receiver, Stock and Fore Ends should start by the end of January.

The Ilian plant requested guidance regarding the phasing out of the Model 11-48, 12-16-20-28 and 410 gauge. Cutter Stores is reducing the inventory of perishable tooling to the minimum required for spare part manufacture. Time will be required to build the inventory to resume production at a future date. Marketing believes the program of the Model 11-48, 12 and 20 gauge under a brand name or as a leader item can be presented at the February meeting.

R & D is completing prototypes of several proposals to increase the weight of skeet grade guns to be comparable with the present 12, 16 and 20 gauge. A review should be made with Marketing prior to the February meeting.

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