RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.

MODEL 591-592, SMM CAL, RIM FIRE RIFLES

R & D reported difficulties in chambering the 5mm Barrels to include the .012" radius at the counterbore-chamber junction. The first lot of model rifles was returned from Bridgeport for rebarreling. Assuming the problems will be solved, the rifles should be returned to Bridgeport for testing on Monday, Jan. 20.

Production reported that pilot operations on the Model 591 Clip Magazine components are progressing as tooling is available. It is expected that pilot rifles can be assembled in February as scheduled.

R & D released the model drawings for the Model 592 Tubular Magazine rifle December 18, 1968. Blanks are being purchased. Tooling is being designed. It is indicated pilot rifles can be assembled in May 1969.

MODEL 540X (COMMERCIAL) AND MODEL 541X (MILITARY) RIM FIRE TARGET RIFLES

Production reported that the results of the several pilot lots of Barrels were not satisfactory. The last tests indicated that cutting off approximately 1" at the muzzle end improves the rifle accuracy. In order to produce a 26" If hish length, a new lot of Barrels is being processed to a longer length to allow for the cutoff operation. These should be completed for rifle testing by the week of Tanuary 2D.

The Barrel problem has delayed assembly of both Model 540X (Commercial) and Model 541X (Military) pilot rifles. Assuming satisfactory results from the latest Barrels, rifle production to warshouse should start the last week of January.

TRAPS

A policy meeting was held January 13, 1969 with representatives from Marketing, R & D and Production. A report will be issued by R & D.