

CENTER FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 742X RIFLE - AUTOLOADING CENTER FIRE - contd.

Production reviewed the proposed schedule for Model 742X, Exhibit 3. To meet this schedule, a Part I project should be authorized in January, 1974. Current status of product development indicated that a Part II project would be submitted in September, 1974. The present business climate has increased machine tool delivery time to the extent that commitments for most of the capital equipment would have to be made in the Part I project, approximately \$2,000,000. In the event a Part II project is not authorized by October 1, 1974, it is estimated that capital equipment received plus cancellation charges will be between \$550,000 and \$900,000. Non-recoverable operation charges for tool design and tooling will be between \$1,100,000 and \$1,500,000. R & D operation charges, in addition to the above costs, continue to increase.

The general feeling of the Committee was that the risk in an early Part I authorization was greater than the benefit of a six-months earlier introduction. Marketing believes the design features of the Model 742X may be the gun of the future for Remington. For this reason, the program should move ahead as rapidly as possible. While the company is not desperate for a new introduction now, it will be. Since there are no alternate proposals to the X models being developed, it is important to learn whether or not these are the guns of the future.

It was agreed that a comprehensive presentation of this program must be made to General Management. It was tentatively scheduled to make this presentation at or following the October 18 Operations Committee Meeting at Ilion. Present plans indicate that R. H. Coleman will be attending the Ilion 25 Year Club Meeting on that date and may be available for the presentation.

MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION CENTER FIRE RIFLE - IMPROVEMENTS
(Introduction 1974)

Production reported that trial and pilot assembly of the Model 700 improved rifle has been completed.

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