

MATERIALS SUPPLY - contd.WOOD - contd.Committee Action:

The Operations Committee accepted the mahogany samples for Model 870 and 1100 shotguns, with the direction that the lighter color is more desirable. The darker sample tends to be "muddy" looking and this is not desirable.

Samples of sycamore for Model 700 ADL Stocks were reviewed with Marketing for finish. There have been problems with swelling around the custom checkering which is believed due to high moisture content of the wood. Stocks are being dried further to test this theory. This wood will cost less than walnut and the processing will cost more. 83

The Operations Committee reviewed the sycamore samples.

Committee Action:

The Operations Committee accepted the finish on the Model 700 ADL sycamore Stock sample. It was emphasized that this is a least acceptable finish sample.

The Purchasing report on walnut supply is Exhibit 2. Significant points in the discussion of this report are:

- . In addition to sources on this report, supply of imported walnut is being checked further.
- . An adequate supply of walnut is available for 1975 at +25% on cost.
- . It appears there is an adequate supply of walnut available for the next few years. An extremely wet season prevents getting logs to the mill.
- . Veneer logs decrease the yield of high grade wood.