

RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL NYLON 66 RIM FIRE RIFLE COST ANALYSIS - contd.

Material cost increases are in line with other models. Standard labor has increased 46% and total labor 48% for this model since 1968. This product was designed and tooled for economical production; for example, initial and current production includes an injection molded Stock, a transfer machine for the Bolt and a swaged Barrel. With this starting point, cost reduction has not been as significant as on other guns.

Cost reduction effort will continue; however, no major savings are on current forecasts. Marketing was requested to look at what could be done to improve margin.

MATERIALS SUPPLYWOOD AND STEEL

Production reported there has been no significant change from the status reported in November.

The wood consultants report is due in December. Several approaches to increasing walnut wood supply discussed briefly were:

- . Planting a walnut grove at Loneke
- . Give away walnut seedlings - to increase future supply and start an educational program.

It appears that more walnut wood of the "short trunk" variety suitable for gun Stocks exists than statistics show. An educational program might be effective in making this wood available.

BENCH REST BULLETS

R & D reported that costs are running at 77% of sales value. Orders have slowed down, possibly because of price increases. Accounting and Methods & Standards are studying the future possibilities of this product line.