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TO: D. E. MILLER  
FROM: J. E. STRONG  
SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR ORDER HANDLING BY THE PLANT  
FOR M/721 & M/722 PILOT OPERATIONS AND  
M/721 & M/722 MISCELLANEOUS OPERATIONS

- I. A regular plant production order was recently issued covering several operations on the M/721 Barrel to be performed by the plant for the Technical Division. Some confusion has resulted, particularly in the method of placing costs for such work and the lack of clarity or instructions of work to be done by the plant production section.
- II. The undersigned discussed this situation with all persons concerned, and it was agreed that the following procedure will become effective at once.
  - A. M/721 & M/722 Pilot Operations.
    - (1) On the basis that it is the sole responsibility of the Technical Division to run the pilot operations and furnish the final process record for the M/721 & M/722 guns, the plant production section will perform such operations as may be requested by the Technical Division on Work Orders, Form RD 5938, or Cross Orders, Form RD 5897, in accordance with instructions accompanying such orders.
    - (2) All Work Orders or Cross Orders for M/721 & M/722 Pilot Operations will be initiated by the Technical Division, and accompanied by "Letters of Instruction", if necessary, on the work to be performed by the plant on that order, will be transmitted to J. E. Strong. Mr. Strong will make the necessary contacts to have the work performed by the plant production section and will check the instructions issued by the Technical Division for clarity. On all such orders, the plant production section will adhere strictly to the instructions issued with such orders.

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- (3) The usual production supervision signature above foreman level will be required before work on such orders is to be done anywhere in the plant.

- (4) All work performed on such Work Orders or Cross Orders will be charged to the Technical Division. It is agreed that at a later date such components as can be used for production will then be charged to regular M/721 & M/722 costs and Technical credited with value of same.

B. M/721 & M/722 Miscellaneous Operations.

- (1) Miscellaneous operations to be performed on M/721 & M/722 components by the plant production section for the Technical Division will be handled on Work or Cross orders, the same as for Pilot Operations, paragraphs II - A; 1, 2 and 3 above applying.

III. Steel for the M/721 or M/722 will not be cut without the prior approval of the undersigned. Necessary clearance with the Planning Section will be obtained by the undersigned supported by Work or Cross orders for Pilot and Miscellaneous Operations.

IV. The production order mentioned in paragraph I is hereby rescinded and will be replaced by a Work or Cross order with attached instructions in compliance with this procedure.

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