

BUSINESS MEETING - contd.PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE - contd.RESEARCH PERFORMANCE

R & D reported status of the Semi-Annual Firearms Development Schedule (July, 1977). The item numbers below are as listed on the schedule.

1. Model 700 - Model 600 Fire Control Improvement

The development effort has been divided into two objectives. The first objective is developing a safety mechanism which is easy to understand, reliable, and will allow the shooter to unload the rifle in the "ON SAFE" position. Three prototype safety mechanisms have been completed and at least two more will be developed. The safety development will be completed in the first quarter of 1978. The various designs will be rated by Marketing to determine the one with the greatest consumer appeal.

The second objective is to improve and simplify the firing mechanism to give a Trigger with a better feel and which is externally adjustable within safe limits for pounds pull. Sample prototypes of the proposed new assembly with both improvements should be complete by April, 1978.

4. Model 600 Carbine

Six prototype carbines have been fabricated and are ready for Marketing and Production review. The rifles have design improvements and alterations to the Stock, Bolt Handle, Trigger Guard, Recoil Pad, Sights and Bolt Release.

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