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MODEL 700 - STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT

In reviewing this job at the Plant Steering Committee Meeting yesterday, it appears most likely that it may be possibly late in September before we have parts available for any pilot production and testing. For example, on the new safety we understand that the vendor will be out the first two weeks in July for vacation and will probably require 6 weeks after that date to complete tooling.

Understand that the Plant has several items on tooling now being held for the stock until we are all clear of a question with regard to design.

There are several new machines involved for both the A Grade and ADL Grade stocks, each of which will involve risk as to proving out of processes and correcting the usual problems involved in development.

This is simply for your information and in effort to try to "button up" the present design questions we are arranging to have Walker visit Bridgeport this week.

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