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*DES*  
**MODEL 700 BOLT HANDLE**

The appearance sample of bolt handle which has been proposed to replace the present precision casting has been reviewed.

According to F.E. Morgan this was shown to a couple of our people in Bridgeport and impressions seemed favorable to extent that it would seem to justify the risk of going ahead with the development to extent we would have some of these bolt handles assembled on rifles for shipments. Mr. Morgan has suggested we might first consider for the ADL Grade which perhaps is the largest volume.

M.H. Walker agrees that the sample seemed satisfactory, especially will be more comfortable to use. He is not sure as to customer acceptance. This may have to be market tested. Also, there seems to be doubt in Walker's mind that H&P Stamping Company can produce as per the sample at the cost indicated.

It would therefore seem that the next step would be to put this into <sup>tool Prod</sup> process, with the understanding that the present supply be continued until the new objective is accomplished.

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