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SUBJECT: MARCH QUARTERLY REPORT

PARKER

IN JANUARY OF 1988, REMINGTON WILL INTRODUCE AN "AHE GRADE" PARKER 20 GA. CUSTOM SHOTGUN. THIS GUN WILL COMBINE THE AESTHETIC QUALITIES OF A CLASSIC FIREARM WITH THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY OF MODERN DAY DESIGNS TO PRODUCE THE ULTIMATE SHOTGUN CONESSEUR'S SHOTGUN. HIGHLY ENGRAVED AND CHECKERED, STOCKED TO THE CUSTOMERS DIMENSIONS, AND PACKED IN A CUSTOM HARD CASE, THIS GUN WILL BE THE FLAGSHIP OF REMINGTON'S PRODUCT LINE SERVING TO ENHANCE OUR REPUTATION OF QUALITY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP.

WORK ON THE PROTOTYPES IS PROGRESSING AS IS EVIDENCED BY THE ALMOST DAILY CALLS FROM DON MAINLAND. FEEDBACK THIS MONTH ON THE BARREL BLANKS SENT TO KOLAR IN JANUARY INDICATES THAT A NEW BARREL BLANK CONTOUR IS REQUIRED. I AM WORKING WITH PROCESS TO DEVELOP ONE WITH A MINIMUM OF INVESTMENT. A REQUEST FOR QUOTATION ON ENGRAVING THE PARKER IS BEING WRITTEN AND WILL BE SENT OUT AS SOON AS ENGRAVING DRAWINGS/PICTURES, ETC. CAN BE ASSEMBLED. TIM MCCORMACK HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL PROSPECTIVE ENGRAVERS. A ROUGH DRAFT OF THE PARKER CATALOG IS BEING DONE AND SHOULD BE READY FOR THE MARCH 24 PROGRAM REVIEW. I MET WITH FRED WENIG ON MARCH 13 AND AS A RESULT I HAVE REQUESTED ESTIMATES ON STOCK AND FOREEND BLANKS.

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PERAZZI FULL AND EXTRA FULL WERE MEASURED AND REM-CHOKES WERE MADE FOLLOWING THEIR DESIGN AND TESTED IN AN 1100. PATTERNS IN THE MID-70% RANGE WERE ACHIEVED. A THREE INCH CHOKE TUBE DESIGN BY TOM POWERS WAS TESTED ALSO WITH DISAPPOINTING RESULTS. JESS BRILEY WAS SUPPLIED WITH AN 1100 BARREL AND CLAIMS 78% PATTERNS AND HAS PROMISED RESULTS IN THE 80% RANGE THIS WEEK. WE ARE WAITING WITH BATED BREATH.

GAMBA

A DRAWING AND LETTER TO GAMBA HAVE BEEN COMPLETED OUTLINING OUR RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THEIR GUN. THE FIRING OUT BATTERY PROBLEM HAS BEEN CORRECTED HOWEVER THE GUN STILL JARS OFF WHEN DROPPED ON THE RIB FROM ABOUT A 10" HEIGHT. I HAVE A FIRECONTROL IN THE MODEL SHOP TO MODIFY AND TEST A POSSIBLE SOLUTION. BUD FINI ALSO CLAIMS THAT GAMBA HAS SOLVED THIS PROBLEM.

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TEN ROUND RECEIVERS ARE THROUGH N/C AND ARE IN THE MODEL SHOP TO BE COMPLETED (SOMETIME IN LATE APRIL). THE NEW BOLT LOCK SYSTEM HAS BEEN EXPLAINED IN A PACKAGE SENT TO DON HUNTLEY. LEGAL WILL REVIEW IT CONCERNING A POSSIBLE PATENT INFRINGEMENT PROBLEM WITH A SAUER DESIGN. ED OWENS IS DEVELOPING A NEW FEEDING SYSTEM. A COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE IS NEEDED AND WILL BE READY BY NEXT FRIDAY (MARCH 27).