

DOUBLE-BARREL OVER AND UNDER SHOTGUN

To assist Research and Development in preparing the project recommended previously, the Sales Department carried out a brief survey to find out which features were not considered acceptable and what additional features would be required. The result of this survey was a rejection of the basic design by Sales as not meeting their requirements. Research and Development therefore recommended that no project be submitted and that consideration of the gun be dropped. The committee agreed with this recommendation, but requested that the search for an over and under design, which could be produced economically and which would be acceptable to Sales, be continued.

CENTER FIRE RIFLES

MODEL 725

Copy of S. M. Alvis' letter to the Operations Committee dated November 23, 1955, and revised January 9, 1956, is attached (pp. 16-21).

Although the committee had previously recommended a development and construction project to telescope the time schedule, Research and Development reported that certain design work was necessary before the information necessary for a construction project could be accumulated. Work is therefore proceeding on a research project within the research budget, and the construction project will be prepared as soon as the necessary information is available.

Sales suggested the possibility of producing a match version of the 725 in 30/06 caliber, but it was agreed that the subject of introducing a match rifle in this caliber should be considered on its own merits and not as part of the Model 725 program. Sales requested that Research and Development study the matter and report on what would be involved.

There was some discussion of the introduction of the 375 H&H Magnum in the Model 725. Research and Development reported that this was technically feasible. There was a feeling, however, that the introduction of a new caliber like the manufacture of a 30/06 match rifle should be considered on its own merits, and it was requested that an economic evaluation be prepared on the gun and ammunition. For this purpose Sales estimated that the annual volume on the Model 725 would be increased from 7,000 to 7,500,