

CENTER FIRE RIFLES

MODEL 721

The Sales Department suggested consideration of the feasibility of introducing a target grade, bolt action, match rifle in 30/06 and 300 Magnum calibers. The Ilion Plant and Research and Development believe that such a development is technically feasible. Sales was therefore requested to sponsor the preparation of an economic evaluation for committee consideration.

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MODEL 725

Research and Development work on the revised safety requested by Sales is approximately 90 per cent complete, and will be ready before the next meeting of the committee.

H&H Magnum

An economic evaluation prepared by Treasurer's (attached to Ammunition Minute 4, 1956) showed that, with the sale of 100,000 cartridges per year and 500 rifles per year as forecast by Sales, we would lose \$1,789 per year. Further consideration of this item has therefore been abandoned.

MODEL 740

270 Winchester (280 Remington)

The replacement cartridge now under development at Bridgeport Research and Development has been designated 280 Remington. Progress has been quite encouraging, and it is now believed probable that a cartridge will be developed which will be suitable for use in the Model 740, both with respect to dimensions and pressure level, and which will have other ballistic properties equivalent to those of the 270 Winchester.

308 Winchester

The first pilot line tests of these guns have uncovered some difficulties, as a result of which some minor design changes were made including the use of a different magazine latch and some changes intended to reduce binding of the follower. Functioning was improved and is now believed satisfactory, although certain difficulties remain which must be recognized.