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requested by Sales have been made and it is expected that the rest of the writers' guns should be shipped on January 8. The balance of field representatives' guns should be shipped by January 15.

The Ilion Plant submitted the following revised warehouse schedule reflecting the delays in assembly of the 30/06 guns.

	December 6, 1957 Schedule			January 7, 1958 Schedule		
	30/06	270	280	30/06	270	280
December 1957	100	0	0*	6	0	0
January 1958	1320	0	0	900	300	0
February 1958	540	600	0	720	300	0
March 1958	900	0	360	680	0	480

* 190 assembled

This schedule shows an advance in the availability of the 270 caliber which was questioned in view of the Sales request that the 280 precede the 270. The Ilion Plant explained that Model 721 guns in 270 caliber had been in process and were not required in the warehouse because of a lack of orders. They are therefore being converted to Model 725 and this accounts for the early availability of this caliber.

Research and Development selected ten 30/06 guns for pilot testing. The results of this testing were satisfactory. The report is attached. The difficulty with the floor plate latch spring referred to in this report was referred to above and has been overcome by the Plant.

Research and Development and the Plant presented a Model 725 to show a problem which still exists in the stock. The stock has relatively thin sections in front of and beside the safety lever. It is expected that in use these thin sections may be broken since the vendor finds that they break easily in manufacture. These difficulties could be overcome by lowering the height of the stock beside the safety lever and by lowering and rounding the thin section forward of the safety lever. However, the Committee was not willing to approve either of these changes. The reduction in height of the wood beside the lever is unattractive in appearance as it exposes to view part of the fire control mechanism. The change to the section forward of the lever appears to introduce some uncertainty in the positioning of the safety since this part of the stock had been used as a stop for the forward movement of the safety lever. Other methods of overcoming this difficulty will therefore be investigated.