

MINUTE #9-1960

COMMITTEE ACTION: The Operations Committee endorses the Sales Department proposal for 1961, 1962 and 1963 shotgun models as set forth in the table above, with the stated qualification relative to January, 1962 announcement of the 5-Shot Model 58.

MODEL 870 - RUSTPROOF DUCK GUN

The Research & Development Department reports that this item is the subject of a design study.

CENTER FIRE RIFLES

MODEL 742 CARBINE

The Sales Department proposes a Model 742 Carbine, with 18-1/2" barrel, for addition to the line on January 1, 1961. Calibers desired by Sales are 30-06, 280 Remington and 308 Winchester.

Both A and ADL Grades of this item are proposed. List prices are to be identical to those of the A and ADL Grade offerings in Model 742; \$138.50 and \$154.95, respectively. Total forecast for all calibers of Model 742 Carbine in the first year is 10,000 units of new business.

The Research & Development Department reports testing which indicates that performance of Caliber 30-06 guns with 110 grain bullets is marginal, and productive of malfunctions. Other Caliber 30-06 loads with 150, 180 and 220 Grain bullets function satisfactorily in the Model 742 Carbine. Functioning of Caliber 308 Winchester loads in the prototype Model 742C has proven to be critical, with high test rejects. Caliber 280 Remington versions of the Model 742C can be expected to fall between the 30-06 and 308 Winchester versions in performance.

The Sales Department feels that any caliber version of the Model 742C must operate positively with usual loads, or it should not be released. Since the 110 Grain 30-06 loading will not usually be employed in the Carbine, the Sales Department would accept this caliber on assurance of Research & Development that other available bullet weights will function satisfactory. This assurance is made.

It was agreed that the Sales Department would accept this item in caliber 30-06 only, for January 1, 1961 announcement, with the understanding that work will continue to provide acceptable versions in Calibers 280 Remington and 308 Winchester for later announcement.