

to the Committee for their final decision on selling prices before the pistol is announced March 1. Two related decisions that were reached are:

- Research should prepare designs of Custom Checkering patterns for the sides of the grip section and fore-end of the Model 600 stock.
- The use of the Model 700 ADL stock on the Model 600 rifle should be reviewed to determine if a higher volume of it as a common part would lower its cost below the Model 600 stock.

MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION RIFLE - LONGER BARRELS FOR CALIBER 222 and 222 MAGNUM

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Sales requested 24 inch barrels replace the 20 inch barrels in caliber 222 and 222 Magnum, as soon as possible without obsolescence. They recognize Research's tests that short barrels are as accurate as longer barrels. However, the shooters have not accepted this and are resisting short barrels. Sales recognizes the higher manufacturing cost of longer barrels. However, they feel they are now selling the short barrels over customer protest and the added cost of longer barrels will be offset by higher sales. The inventory of 20 inch .222 and .222 Magnum barrels will cover production through the second or third quarter depending upon sales volume. The change-over is not likely before Fall.

Committee Action

The Committee approved Sales' request to provide 24 inch .222 and .222 Magnum barrels as quickly as can be done without obsolescence.

MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION RIFLE - CALIBER 300 WINCHESTER MAGNUM

Sales requested the Model 700 rifle be offered in caliber 300 Winchester Magnum as soon as possible. The Model 700 has hurt Winchester Model 70 sales and Winchester has introduced this new caliber in the Model 70 to increase their share of the market. Sales recommends Remington counter Winchester's move before their strategy can work.

Production estimated the tooling costs will be approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 and require three months before the rifles are warehoused.

Committee Action

The Committee approved Sales request to provide caliber 300 Winchester Magnum in the Model 700 as soon as possible and requested economics