

Research indicated the major source of extra weight is the inertia sleeve. This is the key component for low recoil. They are experimenting with aluminum alloys which, if successful, could save about 3 ounces. Neither Research nor Production have a quick solution to materially lighten the gun.

The Committee concurred the weight problem should not interfere with meeting the January, 1964 availability of 16 and 20 gauges but that both Research and Production should consider means of reducing the gun weight.

#### Production Status

Pilot production is behind schedule due to several parts requiring changes as indicated by testing of the pilot lot. The delay should not exceed two weeks if the parts can be modified but could extend to 6 or 8 weeks if new parts requiring tooling are indicated. Based on the assumed loss of two weeks, the Field tests will be re-scheduled as follows:

<u>Gauge</u>	<u>Date Guns To Be Shipped For Field Tests</u>		<u>Number of Guns To Be Shipped From Pilot Lot</u>
	<u>Original Schedule</u>	<u>New Schedule</u>	
20	October 1	October 15	20
16	November 1	November 15	10

If there is any indication pilot lot guns will not be available for Field testing by the new dates, Production will supply to Sales by no later than the new dates six guns made to the best of their ability for a preliminary field test prior to a full scale field test when pilot lot guns become available.

#### CENTER FIRE RIFLES AND PISTOL

##### MODEL 600 BOLT ACTION RIFLE

Production reported caliber 308 is being warehoused. Pilot production of caliber 222 is delayed to overcome a feeding problem. Caliber 35 is in the early stages of production. Both caliber 222 and 35 are expected to be available January 1 but their actual warehouse date has not yet been established. This will be firmed up by the October meeting. Production will ship by October 15 twenty caliber 308's for Field test.

##### MODEL 700 - CALIBER 223 REMINGTON

The Committee approved the Sales Department's recommendations to