

XR Series Rim Fire Rifles (Cont'd.)

A prototype of the single shot rim fire rifle is being tested. Research's cost estimates are very preliminary and their program is to firm up their design for a plant estimate of the project and product costs and economics. Timing indicates this line would be available in January, 1966 rather than in 1965.

Subsequent discussion by the Committee established, or re-affirmed, the following points:

- . The Model 514 could not be economically adapted for clip and tubular feeds even for conventional rim fire ammunition. The adaptation is tantamount to a new design, and the additional earnings would not justify the new equipment and tooling required.
- . Similarly, the new design could probably not be justified by the bolt action rim fire rifles alone since the additional earnings could not justify the new equipment. The additional earnings from the added volume of the bolt action shotguns and center fire rifles is needed to help justify the new facilities.

Nevertheless, the Committee asked that data be presented to them to judge the merits of the expenditure based on the rim fire line only as well as in combination with center fire rifles and shotguns.

- . Sales does not feel a bolt action shotgun will affect the Model 1100 volume since these are two entirely different markets.
- . The advisability of marketing a rifle for the rim fire Magnum was discussed in view of the experience of other arms manufacturers. Research's approach is to design the Magnum rifle stronger than any competitive rim fire magnum firearm. There will not be any question of adequate strength. In addition, the bolt and the receiver will be designed to vent any leaking gas or fragments away from the shooter.

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