RIM FIRE RIFLES

MODEL 552-572 DE LUXE GRADE RIM FIRE RIFLES

R & D is continuing the development of a satisfactory functional and appearance Deflector for the Model 552 De Luxe Grade Autoloader Rim Fire Rifle.

The Regional Managers questioned the advisability of adding a de luxe grade on the Models 552-572. This was based on customer reaction to the ejection port flash in shooting Model 552 Autoloading Rim Fire Rifles. This is particularly noticeable in night shooting. An alternative of a wood stocked Nylon 66 Action was recommended.

Committee Action

R & D is to continue the development of the Model 552 Deflector. Introduction of the de luxe grade Models 552-572 will continue to be scheduled for mid-year 1965.

NYLON 66 - WOOD STOCKED ACTION

R & D had previously considered a Rim Fire Autoloading Rifle using the Nylon 66 Action with a wood Stock. The cost exceeded the Nylon 66, therefore the program had been stopped.

Sales indicated that under a new model designation and with added features, a higher selling price probably could be justified.

R & D stated that a 1967 announcement should be possible.
Considerable development work is required.

Committee Action

R & D is to review the development of a wood Stock for the Nylon 66 Action and review proposed features with Sales. Sales and R & D are to report on the proposal at the January Operations Committee Meeting. 83