

RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 40XB - contd.

As part of the Product Improvement Program, several changes are being effected to reduce costs of the Model 40XB. In several instances, other models using the common parts will also be affected. Attached as Table 2 is the status. The increased factory cost of the Stock and Rail of \$2.47 (Table 1) will partially be offset by savings of \$1.97 (Table 2) which should be effected in 1966. Other items are being evaluated and effected if economically justified. The use of birch instead of walnut for the Stock should also result in a cost improvement.

Committee Action

The Committee approved the revised prototype. Since the indicated costs are less, further Management approval will not be required.

Any change to the Model 40XB Stock and Rail for commercial production is contingent on acceptance by government procurement sources.

MODEL 580 SINGLE SHOT, 581 BOX &
582 TUBULAR BOLT ACTION RIFLES
MODEL 788 CENTER FIRE RIFLE

Installation of all rim fire Receiver machines in the permanent location is scheduled for the latter part of April. Production quantities of Model 580 Receivers have been completed on the starting operations.

Pilot operations on other Model 580 (single shot) parts are progressing as blanks, tooling and machines are available.

Tryout of equipment for the Model 582 (tubular) is also under way.