

METAL FINISHES - contd.

There has been a reduction in the cost of the media. This saving has been partially offset by 1966 increased labor rates. The net result is the anticipated added yearly cost for the total program has been reduced approximately five thousand dollars (\$5000).

A draft of the Part II of the project to extend the program to the center fire rifles was submitted for Management preliminary review.

Experimental work has indicated that by adding ultrasonic cleaning as part of the black oxide coloring process, bleedout of joints and powder metal parts will be reduced. A project to purchase and install the equipment will be prepared.

WOODBlanks

Approximately one hundred (100) birch and sixty (60) pecan blanks were machined as Model 514 Stocks. The Stocks are at the finishing operations. Stain which will have to be hand sprayed and wiped has been received. The finishing process is being developed.

The approximately fourteen hundred (1400) additional birch blanks are being machined. Costs are being developed. In addition, there are fifteen hundred (1500) pecan blanks which should be released from the kiln in May.

Due to the inability to obtain sufficient walnut blanks for the 500 Series rifles, production will have to use some birch in order to meet schedules. Indications are that for 1966, the use of birch can be limited to the Model 514.

Marketing reported that Advertising is dropping reference to the use of American walnut in copy to be used in 1967.