

METAL FINISHES

The improved finish standard was established with Marketing. The finishing equipment is being used by Production for the Model 870 on a limited basis. The additional fixtures plus the training of personnel should permit full production of Model 870 and 1100 Barrels and Receivers the first part of January.

Based on production experience and requirements for the 1967 schedules, the expenditures to extend the program to the Model 11-48 and center fire rifles have been estimated. The Part II of the project is ready to send to Bridgeport.

Based on the samples submitted for selection of finish, there is an added feature of improved smoothness of the Model 870 and 1100*gun action. This is an added plus for the process.

Committee Action:

Based on the limited production experience, the plant was requested to make a recheck of the estimated expenditures and other data shown in the proposed Part II of the project.

WOODFinishes

The wood filler furnished by the Marshall Laboratory of the F & P Department of duPont is being used on Model 552 and 572 Stocks and Fore Ends. The costs and quality under production conditions are being determined.

Development work with the Benjamin Moore Paint Co. continues. It is indicated the Benjamin Moore product provides a more durable finish than the present lacquer. This was illustrated by two of a number of sample Stocks which had been immersed in water for 24 hours. These were shown to the Committee.