

CENTER FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 788 CENTER FIRE BOLT ACTION RIFLE - contd.

Tooling for the starting operations for the 308, 6mm and 243 calibers should be completed so that pilot operations can start in February as scheduled.

The tool design for the left hand Model 788, 30-30 and 308 calibers, the Model 581 and rim fire rifles is approximately 25% complete. R & D has not released the drawings for the Model 591, 5mm rifle.

The N/C machine should be received in January and the Tri-Ordinate in March.

Marketing issued a recap of project sales volumes versus the 1968 forecast for new models and improvements to existing models. A copy (Exhibit 3) is attached for Operation Committee members information.

Committee Action:

Reporting on 44 magnum caliber production will be dropped.

MODEL 700 CENTER FIRE BOLT ACTION RIFLE

Problems have been encountered in the acceptance of Model 700 rifles in Australia. An adaptation of the Model 600 shrouded Bolt Plug would take care of part of the problem. The test of striking a solid blow to the top or side of the Receiver is sufficient to cause a follow-down which cannot be overcome in the present design.

In the discussion, the opinion was expressed that the Model 700 Bolt Action Rifle would pass the Australian Commonwealth Police Department test if a shrouded Bolt Plug is provided.

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