

SHOTGUNS - contd.OVER & UNDER SHOTGUN

The features of some twenty-six (26) different over and under shotguns have been reviewed by Research. While each is of a different design, there are three basic lockup systems. R & D now plans to determine the adequacy of each by stress analysis.

Studies have shown that in order to be economically justified, a new family of over and under and double Barrel guns with a maximum of interchangeable parts is the only possible approach. Exhibit 2 indicates the over and under shotgun volume and price relationship for 1966 as furnished by Marketing. Exhibit 3 covers imported double Barrel shotgun volumes and R & D projection to 1972.

R & D expects to develop high spot economics in time for review at the July meeting. The required project expenditure could be between 3.5 and 5 million dollars. To assist in the evaluation, Marketing plans to have a recommended list of guns desired, estimated volumes and proposed selling prices in May. Projections of costs, volumes and selling prices, if possible, should be for 1972 which probably would be the earliest possible date to complete development and provide equipment.

CENTER FIRE RIFLESMODEL 742-760 CENTER FIRE RIFLES

The second set of checkering dies with the leaf border is being used in production. A production Model 742 and 760 rifle were reviewed at the Operations Committee Meeting. The initial set of dies is now being revised to include the leaf design.

Committee Action:

The addition of the leaf border has improved the checkering appearance. Since this has been accomplished, this item will be dropped.