

SHOTGUNS - contd.OVER AND UNDER SHOTGUN - contd.

Among the problems confronting R & D is the availability of space and equipment required for production. At present the majority of the plant equipment is fully burdened to meet current gun schedules. It is questionable if the proposed over and under gun could justify any significant expenditure for new equipment or expanded facilities.

Marketing again expressed the opinion that a domestically produced gun to compete with guns being imported by competitors is considered essential. R & D was requested to complete the authorized investigation. The future program would then be determined.

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Production of 243 caliber components is progressing. Pilot rifles to check the sight requirements will be assembled the first part of May.

Sample Magazine Boxes were received April 29. The vendors producing the Magazine, Spring and Follower have been released. It is indicated that production to the warehouse should start the first part of June.

Pilot 6mm components should be completed and pilot rifles assembled in June. Pilot production of Barrels for the 308 caliber is scheduled to start in June.

Tool Design has been finished for the left hand versions of the Model 788, 308 and 6mm and Model 581. Tooling should be received so that pilot operations can start by September. The Model 591 is being dropped until the shrouded Bolt design has been developed.