

RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.MODEL 540X (COMMERCIAL) AND 541X (MILITARY)
RIM FIRE TARGET RIFLES - contd.

In assembly of pre-pilot Model 541X (Military) rifles, the clearance between the Bolt Handle and Stock was questioned. This has since been cleared with a design change and temporary tooling provided for the added cuts. Stocks are ready for the finishing operations. Availability of sample rifles for Military Sales will probably be delayed until October.

Marketing plans to present both the Model 540X single shot and Model 541X clip Magazine rifles to government procurement agencies for review. It is hoped that the Model 540X single shot will be accepted, making the manufacture of a special rifle for the military unnecessary. 83

While pre-pilot tested Actions meet accuracy specification, there is a probability that the next production run in which the Barrels will have a reduced bore and groove dimensions may produce a smaller average group size. It may therefore be advisable to delay the presentation of the new rifles to government agencies until the first quarter of 1969.

Committee Action:

Marketing is to determine if Military Sales can accept the proposed delay in the presentation of the new target rifle to government procurement agencies.

MODEL 514 BOLT ACTION RIM FIRE RIFLE

The proposed change for an automatic safety is not considered acceptable to Marketing primarily because the design does not provide a fully automatic operation. This safety design was taken from the original Model 514 development. R & D plans to investigate further. The Arms Development Schedule indicates a 1970 announcement.