RIM FIRE RIFLES - contd.

MODEL 591-592, 5MM CAL, RIM FIRE RIFLES

R & D has not resolved the design of the Model 592 tubular magazine rifle. Test ammunition should be available in November to confirm the design changes of the Model 591 with clip magazine and to complete development of the Model 592 rifle.

The program is to complete Model 591 clip magazine rifle changes concurrent with the ammunition development. Production reported that the tooling for the Barrel with increased cartridge head diameter has been released for procurement and should be received in December. Other purchased part blanks and tooling should be received so that some pilot operations can start during the latter part of November.

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

Production reported that pilot Model 541X (military) rifles produced a group size toward the max limits. After review, the decision was made to start a new lot of Barrels using a smaller diameter swaging mandfel which should be available by October 21.

As a result, pilot assembly of Model 540X (commercial) and 541X (military) target rifles will be delayed until November. Stocks for the Model 540X should be completed by the end of October.

Military Sales had indicated that a delay in presenting the rifles to the Armed Services until 1969 would be acceptable. Wifles however should now be available in November 1968.

MODEL 514 BOLT ACTION RIM FIRE RIFLES

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Development of an automatic safe for the Model 514 Bolt Action Rifle is to be started by R & D during the last quarter of 1968. This change is scheduled for 1970 announcement.